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Jimmy's viewpoint...



LATICS have accumulated more than 50 penalty points this season, and I am not going to suggest for a moment that the referee who had held up yellow cards to our players have been in the wrong. I do think, however, that the time has come to abolish the yellow card and the red card - and in saying this, I am not having a go at the man in the middle.

Frankly, I would not be a referee for all the tea in China. Referees have a hard job, and I am sure they try to do it honestly and fairly. At the same time, they can make mistakes, like every other human being ... and I believe managers and players should be the first to recognise this. Which player, for instance doesn't make several mistakes during a game?

My real point concerns the use of the yellow and red cards, and to be blunt, I rate them as gimmicks. If a player is cautioned, the referee can tell him so without need for a yellow card; if he's sent off, it's obvious what has happened without the ref. holding up a red card.

I believe referees have become men under pressure, these past few seasons. They know an assessor is sitting in the stand; they are under orders to show a yellow or red card when they book or send off a player; and they are under instructions to book players for offences which, often, are very minor.

Quite simply, I feel the whole thing has gone too far. A player may be shown a yellow card in the first 10 minutes because the referee has to book him for a harmless foul, and should he commit another similar offence, there is no alternative to the red card. One booking - next time it's marching orders.

I don't believe football is as aggressive as it was 10 years ago. I do believe referees should be able to use their discretion, to pass on a quiet word of warning, rather than feel under obligation to produce the yellow card.

I am certain referees would feel happier if they knew there were no

assessors sitting in judgement, if they knew they weren't being marked by the opposing clubs, if they knew they didn't have to wield the cards.

I would also like managers and players to be able to have a drink with the referee after a match and get his point of view, hear his explanations about decisions during the match, and get to know and understand the man, and the job he has to do. In many instances, I feel we would come to appreciate the referee isn't always wrong.

Home fans these days have come to expect the yellow card to be produced at the first sign of a foul from an opposing player. Indeed, the fans themselves put a referee under pressure because of this, in my view.

No matter whether the card system is used or not, the fact remains that a referee's decision is final. He's the man in charge. Yet it has to be said, and acknowledged by everyone - players, managers and supporters - that the ref. will never please everybody.

But let him get on with his job in the way he thinks best. Give him the power to exercise his discretion, so that he can tell a player to "cool it", rather than having to book him for something comparatively trivial.

If you took a poll among the 92 League managers, I would be surprised if 20 were in favour of keeping the card system. And it has long been a maxim that the best referee is the one you never notice ... a maxim which, in recent seasons, has virtually ceased to apply. So I appeal to the Soccer authorities ... scrap the card system, vote for common sense.

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*from the
Boardroom...*

The events after the Sheffield Wednesday match received national coverage from all types of media. We take no pleasure from the publicity which ensued although the Football Association's commissions findings completely exonerated the club from any blame. I quote the F.A's report as follows: "Having considered all the evidence, the committee has decided that Oldham Athletic F.C. had met the requirements of Rule 33A and in the circumstances it was agreed to take no further action in the matter".

Certain recommendations however were made that appropriate attention should be given to part of the perimeter fencing as additional safety. Our supporters will perhaps now understand the reason for the fixing of the perimeter fence all around the ground when the requirement was only for a fence behind the two goals. In making comparisons of football over twenty five years we have the crazy situation at all clubs of then — "Bigger crowds and no fencing", and now "Big fencing and little crowds". In my lifetime I can confidently claim that we have now produced the best team ever playing in a stadium which is gradually reaching a standard to compare with the best for its size.

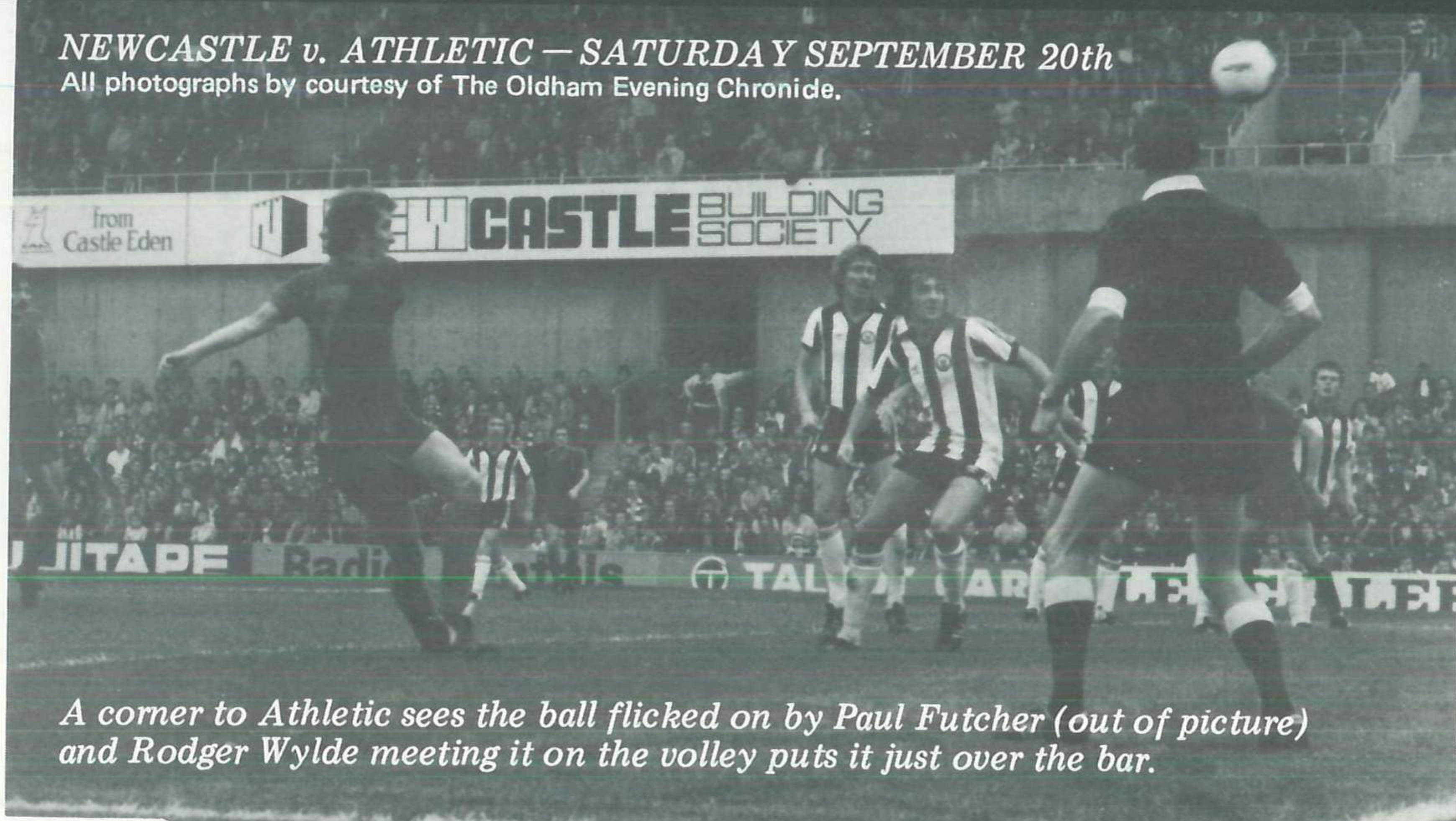
I do appeal to all supporters to think of good name of Oldham Athletic and set the example of good sportsmanship to all visiting supporters. The future of football depends on the good behaviour of all spectators in appreciating the skills of both match teams and only then can we rid ourselves of the sickness bedevilling football. Today particularly is another "Derby game" to be enjoyed and not to be ruined by the few whose only interest appears to be trouble. The whole country will be watching events at Oldham today and therefore I commend all to the motto of the supporters club "Help not Hinder".

Harry Wilde.

Latics Action

NEWCASTLE v. ATHLETIC — SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

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A corner to Athletic sees the ball flicked on by Paul Fitcher (out of picture) and Rodger Wylde meeting it on the volley puts it just over the bar.



Steve Hardwick makes an athletic leap to his right to stop Rodger Wylde from scoring and Latics picking up both points.



Rodger Wylde races in from just past the halfway line and attempts to chip the Newcastle 'keeper Steve Hardwick.



Welcome to B



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BOLTON WANDERERS F.C.

*Back Row: Left to Right: Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Peter Reid.
Middle Row: Tadeusz Nowak, Paul Jones, Terry Poole, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Chris Tompson,
Peter Nicholson. Front Row: Len Cantello, Alan Gowling, Dave Burke, Phil Wilson, Brian Kidd.*

LATICS resume their rivalry with another Lancashire club today, and the visit of Bolton should help to produce a fair gate, for they expect to have a good following. A few weeks ago, we met promoted Blackburn Rovers at Ewood now we face a team which made the descent from Division 1 last spring.

If Tad Nowak is in Bolton's line-up, it will make for interesting comparisons, because — like Richard Kowenicki — the Wanderers winger was signed from Poland. Nowak, who reputedly cost around £50,000, had won international honours at every level when he

left Warsaw Legia for Lancashire.

Another player who has tasted success is striker **Brian Kidd** — capped twice for England, he scored for Manchester United in their 1968 European Cup triumph (it was his 19th birthday), and he has since played for Arsenal, Manchester City and Everton. His moves cost a total of around half a million pounds.

Another player who has cost substantial money is **Alan Gowling**, once on United's books, and later with Huddersfield and Newcastle United — and after figuring as a front-line striker and in midfield, he has

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shown he can do an effective job in defence.

The departure of 'keeper Jim McDonagh for Everton meant that **Dennis Peacock**, signed from Doncaster last March, stepped up to the first team, and this one-time Nottingham Forest player is one of the tallest 'keepers in the League, at 6ft. 3in.

Two more signings brought well-known names to Burnden Park: full-back **Dave Clement** and midfield man **Len Cantello**. Clement, an England international, cost £150,000 when he arrived from Queen's Park Rangers in June, 1979, and Cantello was a £350,000 buy from West Brom that same month. That fee was a club record for Bolton.

Not all the talent at Burnden Park has been imported ... home-produced players who have made good include defenders **Paul Jones**, **David Burke**, **Mike Walsh**, **Mike Graham** and **Mick Bennett**, while **Peter Nicholson** arrived from Blackpool for only a small fee ... and he has amply repaid it, with 100 per cent. displays in various roles.

Jones has had experience with both the England Under-23 and senior squads and, like Burke, can do a stint in midfield. Walsh, who has skippered the side, can play at full-back, in the middle of the defence or in midfield; Graham is a strong-tackling full-back; and Bennett who has played at full-back and in midfield, was in the England youth side which won this summer's European tournament in East Germany.

Bolton, of course, kicked off the season without **Peter Reid**, whose ambitions lay in a swift return to First Division football, but Wanderers have coped, and two of their young midfield players are **Phil Wilson** and **Dave Hoggan**. Wilson's debut last February was a tough one - Arsenal, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest in the space of eight days - but he stayed in the side for the rest of the season. Hoggan made his bow at Bristol City last April.

Bolton's squad is completed by forwards **Neil Whatmore**, **Chris Thompson** and **Mike Carter**. Whatmore was top scorer last season, with 18 goals, Thompson - an England youth-team player, has attracted attention from other clubs, and Carter has shown flair for scoring spectacular goals.

Recently Bolton were poised to bring another player from Europe to Burnden - midfield man **Dason Nikolic**, from Red Star Belgrade. He impressed in a closed-doors trial.

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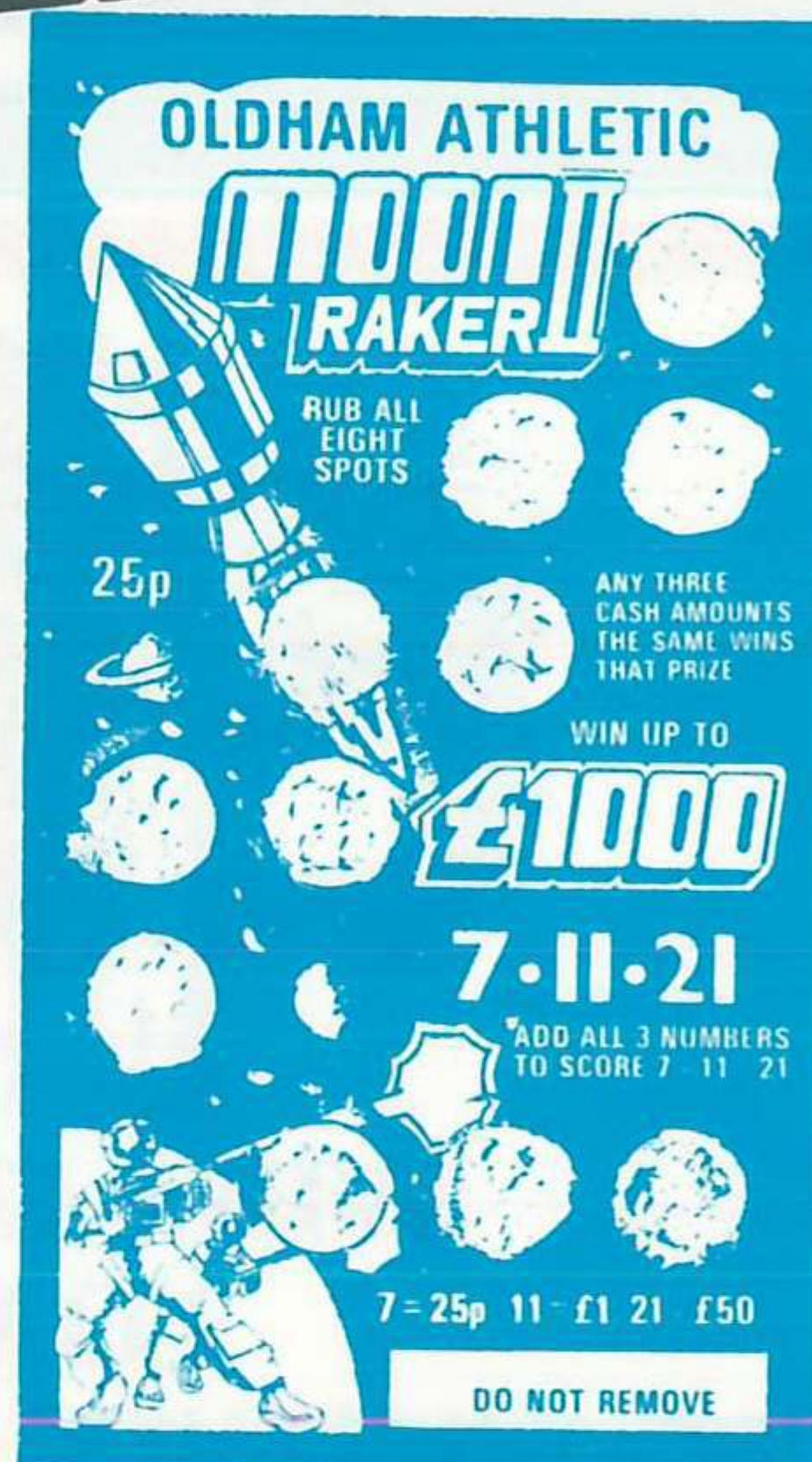
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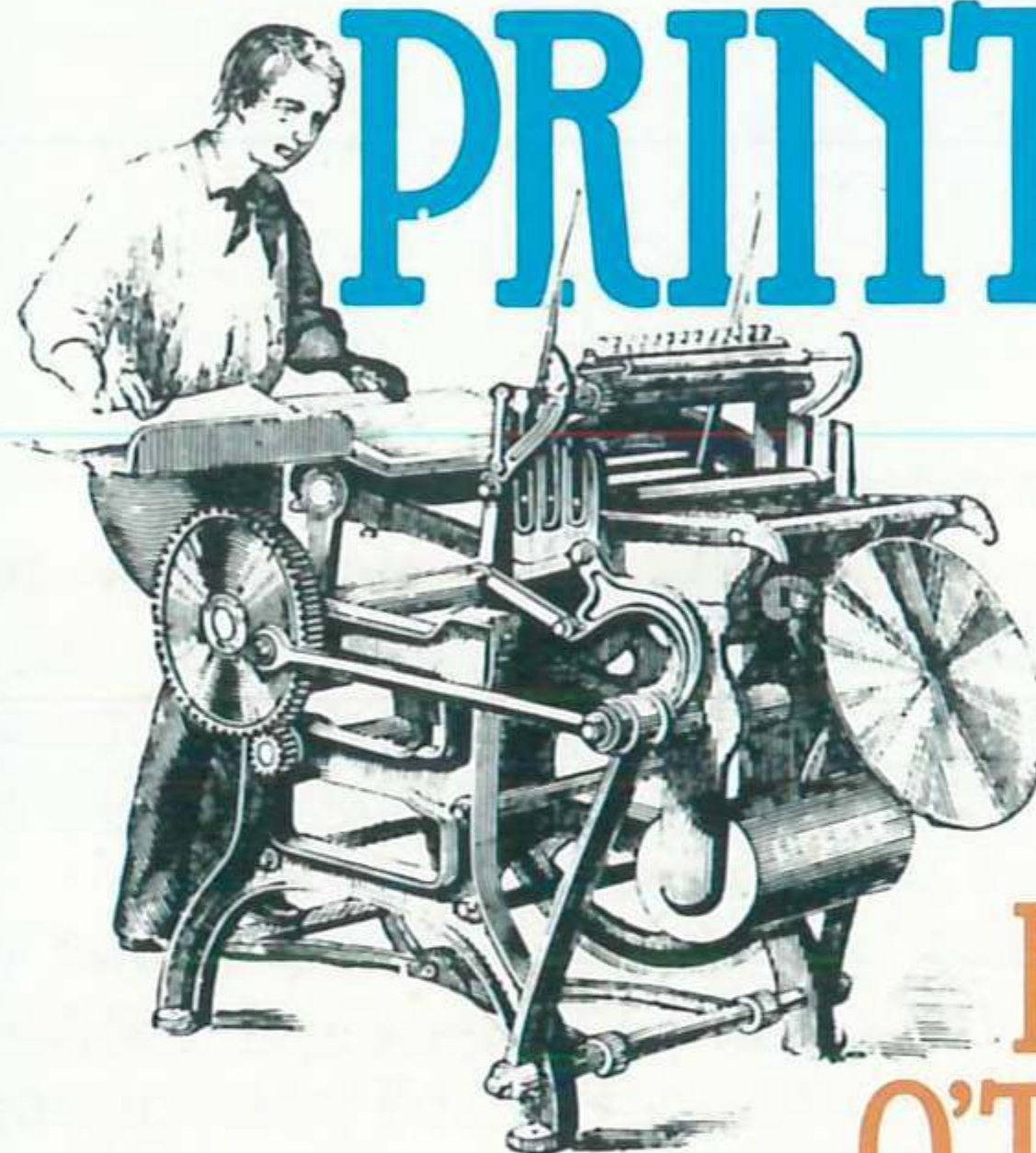
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Athletic Memoirs

extracts from the forthcoming publication

"The team from a town of chimneys" compiled by Stewart W. Beckett



Dateline — Saturday, 5th December 1908

DIVISION 2 / BOLTON WANDERERS v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Athletic's first ever visit to Bolton took place on a cold December afternoon, 72 years ago.

Wanderers had been relegated the previous season, finishing 19th position in Div. 1 with 33 points, which echo's similarities to today's encounter.

Athletic's 5,000 travelling supporters had cause to remember their visit, as Bolton crushed Latics by 3-0, only a brilliant display in goal by Howard Matthews prevented a landslide.

Bolton's goals were credited to Greenhalgh & Owen (first half), followed by the goal of the game from Hogan (second half).

After the way Athletic had played the previous week in beating the Cup-holders Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1, this display was hard to understand.

Athletic finished the 1908/9 season in 6th place with 40 points, while Bolton went on playing brilliantly and finished as Second Division champions with 52 points.

ATHLETIC: Matthews, Cook, Hamilton, Fay, Speedie, Wilson, Griffiths, Shadbolt, Newton, Wolstenholme, Donnachie.

BOLTON: Edmondson, Baverstock, Slater, Gimblett, Greenhalgh, Barber, Stokes, Hogan, Hughes, Owen, McEwan.

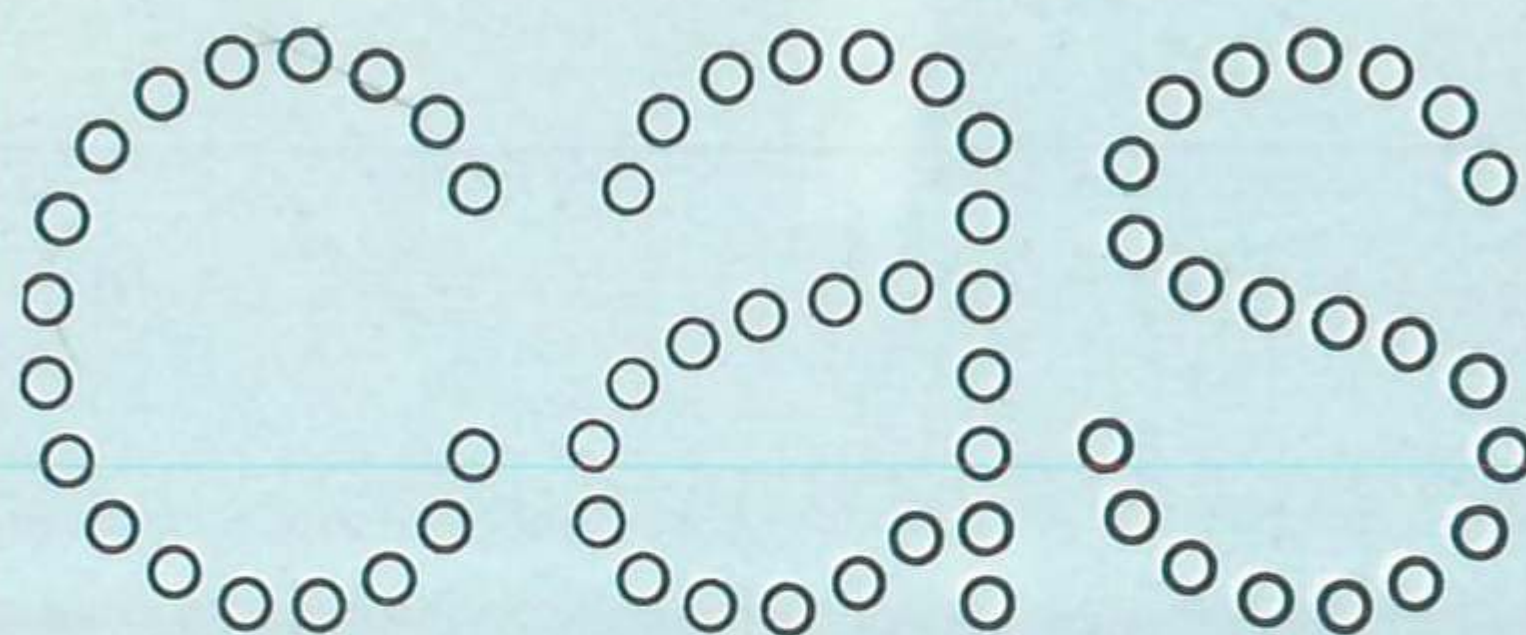
Attendance: 20,000 (approx.)

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Waiter:— "Not too tough for you, Sir".

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The evenings are held every Tuesday night in the Boundary Club, between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. so why not come along and see for yourself as you will always be welcome. This Tuesday, for example, the launching of the Radio Latics Road Show takes place and should prove to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

At the time of going to press, we still have a couple of places left in the five-a-side football competition to be held on Sunday, October 26th here at Boundary Park and anybody interested in entering a team should put their application in writing to the supporters club, c/o Boundary Park, Oldham. Once all the places are taken we will write to all the teams involved and inform them of the final details.

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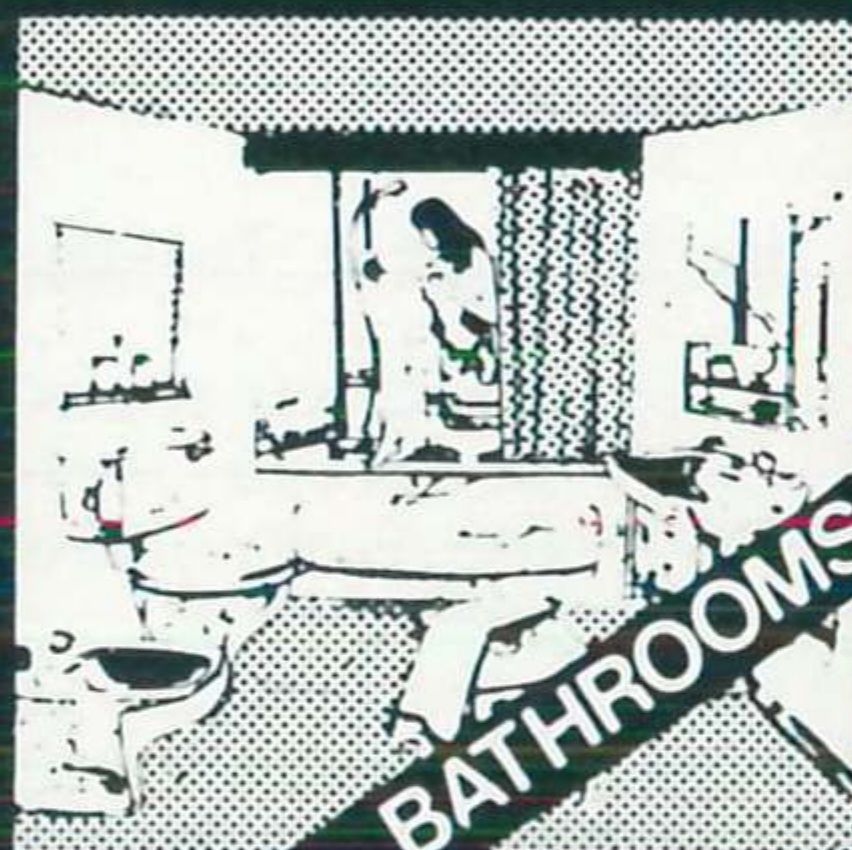
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"FRANNY"

No footballer of the last decade is more fondly remembered than Francis Lee, the Manchester City, Derby County and England striker the fans were quick to nickname "Franny."

No footballer of the last decade has a more active and alert mind when it comes to high-finance, either.

Apart from his 27 full England caps, two League Championship medals and a commanding 250 League goals, Lee can count on other equally great triumphs.

He is now a successful businessman, employing over 100 people in his company which produces tissue paper, and lists as his major hobby the breeding of racehorses.

If those horses have as much heart, stamina and guts as their breeder, they'll all be guaranteed winners.

Franny, with the solid build of a billiard table leg and the blond good looks of a marauding Viking, was without doubt one of Soccer's Golden Boys of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

He has neither the need nor the inclination to be envious of our current crop of super-stars.

TRANSFER MARKET

Yet like many people whose feelings for football run deep, Francis Lee admits to being concerned at the financial state of football—particularly the transfer market.

The much-discussed twin transfer of teenage striker Clive Allen, who twice moved in the space of 45 days—from Q.P.R. to Arsenal and then on to Crystal Palace—with the fee fixed at £1-million-plus each time, set Lee's mind working.

That astute business brain has come up with a solution which, Lee feels, can save our game from bankruptcy.

And like most good ideas, its principal virtue is simplicity.

"With a general recession, there is just not the money in a man's pocket to allow him to go to football two and three times a week," he says.

"We should streamline the Leagues. I'm not advocating putting clubs out of business.

"Just reduce the size of our Leagues. That would mean fewer matches each season for every club; fewer matches for the supporters to shell out if they want to watch.

"It would also give the top clubs more time to let their players practice their skills. At present, some of our top players are turning out on Saturdays, midweek and Saturdays again, so they have little time for practising their skills."

And on the transfer market itself, Lee is just as simple and straightforward.

"The million-pound-plus transfers are far too high. The solution is straightforward. We should have a three-tier grading system for transfers.

"The very top players could be graded 'A' with a top fee of £500,000. Grade 'B' players would cost a maximum £250,000. And Grade 'C' players would cost no more than £100,000."

That simple suggestion should provide thought for the powers that be. It will certainly give fans something to talk about.



Guy Thys — Manager of Belgium

HOW TO BUILD AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM

BRIAN GLANVILLE



WRITES

In his fascinating but opinionated book, *WITH CLOUGH*, Peter Taylor, the assistant manager of Nottingham Forest, upbraids Ron Greenwood, the England team manager, for taking the veteran centre-half Dave Watson to the Nations Cup in Italy. Timing suggests that Taylor must have written his words before the tournament took place. He could scarcely, surely, have written them afterwards, since Watson, aged almost 34, had had an outstandingly good tournament, not only vigorously resisting his opponents in defence but, with amazing energy, constantly going upfield to join in England's attacks.

There is a fascinating parallel

with Wilfried Van Moer, the splendid little Belgian midfielder, their general and unquestionably one of the finest players in the competition. Just as Taylor would have rejected Watson on the grounds that England should have been building for the 1982 World Cup, so Guy Thys, the manager of Belgium, had written off the almost 35 year old Van Moer, who had four times broken a leg, had long since dropped out of the international side, and by then was playing for an obscure little club called Beringen. Thys, ironically as it transpired, had written off Belgium's chances in the Nations Cup - even, one suspects, their chance of reaching the finals in Italy - and he



Dave Watson – England

himself was thinking of Spain in 1982.

FOUNDERED

But when Belgium's midfield foundered he changed his mind, went to see Van Moer at his little cage, and asked him to make a return to international football. Van Moer just wouldn't take him seriously, and Thys had to come back several times before at last the little man changed his mind. We all know what happened then. Belgium, pulled together and inspired by Van Moer, breezed through the final stages of an eliminating group in which they'd been foundering, beat Scotland home and away, and eventually pipped both Austria and Portugal for a place in the finals. Once in Italy, they astonished everyone, not least themselves, by winning a group which included Italy and England, and giving the West Germans a good, hard game in the Final. None of this would have been remotely possible without the almost talismanic Van Moer.

The moral seems plain enough to me. He who is fanatically obsessed with team building - i.e. with the new at the expense of the old - ends not by building but destroying.

No one knows this better than the Brazilians though you might think that the traditional dynamism of their football, with its exciting technique and explosive bursts of movement, might make it essentially the preserve of the young.

AGE and EXPERIENCE

Yet even in the 1962 World Cup, when as holders they had a clear four years run, in which they could experiment, they relied on age and experience; and won the competition

again. The team which beat Czechoslovakia in the 1962 Final in Santiago, Chile, contained no fewer than eight of the men who had won it in Sweden in 1958. There would have been nine had Pele' not been injured. In 1966, it is true, the Brazilians went much too far, actually recalling their two stoppers, Bellini and Orlando, from the 1958 team, and including several from the 1962 side who were clearly over the top; but their policy in 1962 itself still proved valid.

The trouble is that we live in an age in which indecent haste, impatience, creative destruction, call it what you will, seems to be the vogue. Change is made almost for its own sake, though you can be sure all kinds of flowery, verbose explanations will accompany it. I well remember a great Danish Footballer, John Hansen, a star inside-left in Italy during the 1950s, lament to me how Denmark's international team had been destroyed when he and so many others turned pro and went abroad. Since the Danes remained stubbornly and steadfastly amateur for many years, this automatically disqualified them from playing for their country.

SINK OR SWIM

The trouble was, said Hansen, that instead of it now being possible for the Danes to bring in youngsters gradually, putting them side by side with more weathered players, they all had to be thrown in together, to sink or swim. Naturally enough, the majority of them sank.

The Swedes had much the same problem, though they were quicker than the Danes to sanction professionalism. That, in the 1958

World Cup, allowed them to call up ageing stars such as Gunner Gren and Nils Liedholm who'd been missing from the team for a decade. "We're the slowest team in the competition!" I remember their little Yorkshire born coach, George Raynor, cheerfully admit after a victory over Hungary in Stockholm. "If there was a relay race between all the teams, Sweden would finish last. But we'll still reach the final!" So they did.

"Youth will be served" is an old adage in boxing; but even there it has been gainsaid by the likes of Archie Moore, Sugar Ray Robinson and Cassius (Ali) Clay. In football, it is a dangerous maxim. In these international days when a World Cup qualifying competition follows hard on the heels of the European Nations Cup finals, at precisely what point can you afford to rebuild; or rather, work with the future rather than the present in mind?

To sacrifice the present to the uncertainties of the future seems mad to me. As long as Watson is the best centre-half in England - which he is - and Van Moer the best constructive player in Belgium, they should play. Meanwhile, it is legitimate and politic to nurse players along in their shadow; or by their side. To throw out a player merely because he is getting on in years is as foolish as to pick him just because he is young. They say in Italy that Dino Zoff, 39 soon, and soon it seems to be discarded, has suffocated a whole generation of Italian goalkeepers. You cannot prove that; but it is easy to see that Zoff has for years been the finest keeper in his country.

'DOC'

BY
RAY BRADLEY OF
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FOOTBALL'S frightening transfer market sends a shiver down almost every manager's back the moment he lifts a telephone and makes his first tentative inquiry for a coveted player.

Managers will openly admit the market has gone mad with fees spiralling towards the £2 million mark.

Few will admit they are out of their depth when it comes to wheeling and dealing on a changing market. It's not surprising for even the most experienced managers have "caught a cold" when it comes to backing their judgement on a player's potential.

But one man revels in it all, Tommy Docherty, Soccer's master transfer trader.

Says the Doc without blinking: "Buying and selling footballers is like food and drink to me. I have always been a decision maker and I enjoy wheeler dealing."

Nobody in football can dispute that. The Doc has rung up nearly £7 million in transfer deals in his colourful managerial career and that's a record that looks like standing for . . . well . . . at least another season

FIRST BIG DEAL

The Doc's first big deal was way

back in 1961 when he became manager of Chelsea. The player was a poker-faced West Ham wing-half who was a big favourite with Upton Park fans. His name? Andy Malcolm. The price? A modest £12,000.

Since then Docherty has established a reputation as one of the shrewdest manipulators in the market. He has bought and sold over 150 players — an unparelled record by any British manager.

His biggest sale came during the summer when once again he startled soccer by selling top-scoring Q.P.R. striker Clive Allen to Arsenal for a cool £1¼ million. A month later he sold striker Paul Goddard to West Ham for £800,000 in another shock deal.

DYNAMIC ACTIVITY

It was a reluctant sale, but then the Doc has learned that managers are subject to board room pressures and bosses must balance their books just like good accountants. Said Docherty laconically: "It was good business and it virtually cleared our stand payments."

In between these sales, Docherty has been involved in more big deals than a Mississippi river boat gambler. His big secret. He bids high, rarely bluffs and always has an ace up his sleeve to clinch his hand.

No other manager in soccer history has matched the Doc's dynamic activity in a risky market where mistakes and wrong judgements put a manager back on the open employment market.

At Chelsea he bought and sold 54 players in six years totalling £1.3 million — really shrewd dealing with only one player — striker Tony Hateley — costing six figures.

In almost five years as boss of Manchester United his trading topped the £2 million mark — a figure he was to surpass in barely twelve months at Loftus Road.

The incredible Doc has signed and sold players on the motorway, at airports, during training sessions and once — in a sauna.

He admits he has made mistakes, taken outrageous risks but has never faltered once he has made up his mind on a deal.

Says the Doc philosophically: "Life is all about decisions. You either take them or flunk them. This game is all about decisions — making them and sticking by them."

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THE NAMES OF THE GAME

By Graham Spiers

It was Peter Withe who started me thinking about them really - names that is. I was asking him how he pronounced his name, was the E at the end silent for instance? His reply came as such a surprise that I thought I would look further into 'The Names of the Game'. Withe, the former Nottingham Forest star now enjoying a change of air with Aston Villa, explained that the family name was With but his grandmother's writing was so flowery that people kept thinking the flourish

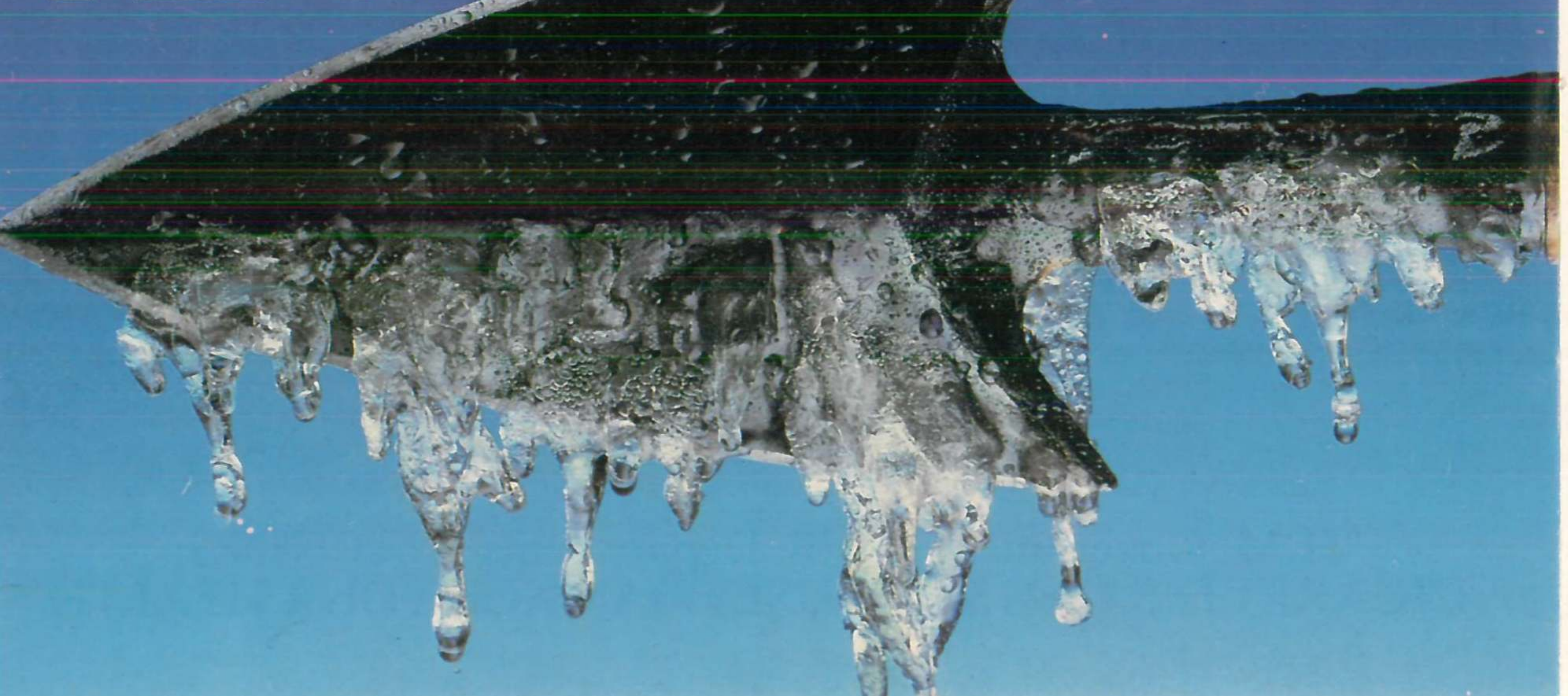
at the end of the name was an E and so the family decided to keep the E in!

It wasn't until some time after the Norman Conquest of 1066 that we Britains started to have surnames at all. Our ancestors had single personal names which were quite sufficient for distinguishing everyone in small communities and everyone had their own really personal name. A few of those Angol-Saxon personal names have survived to become first names today - Alfred, Audrey, Ed-

Peter Withe



STRON FLAVOUR WITH A



ward, and Harold being examples.

As time went by the surname practice developed but, as we have seen with the name Withe, changes have often taken place over the years. Sometimes the reason for a name change has been embarrassment - as with that fine former Queens Park Rangers player Arthur Longbottom who became Arthur Langley but as far as I know his twin brother didn't change his name. Then there was Louis Buchalter who was capped four times for Northern Ireland between 1914 - 1922 but you won't find his name in the record books! The reason for this is that Buchalter who was with Bradford City before the First World War and with Luton Town after it is the only International to play throughout his career with an assumed name - L. O. Bookman.

DANNY WHO?

It's not only footballers surnames that sometimes undergo change there are quite often surprises in their Christian names as well. The player who captained Spurs through their famous 'double' winning season of 1960-61 for instance was 'Danny' Blanchflower to everyone but he was actually christened Robert Danny Blanchflower.

Or there's always the former Manchester United World Cup star little dynamo 'Nobby' Stiles who began life as Norbert Peter.

But for absolute amazement the West Bromwich Albion centre-half-Trevis who made his League debut for them on the Seventh of April, 1934 in the match with Liverpool. Mr. Trevis had the distinction of the longest ever name for a football League player with seven Christian names:- Arthur, Griffith, Stanley, Sackville, Redvers, Trevor, Boscawen. Not surprisingly perhaps everyone called him 'Bos'.

And how about these famous names which League footballers ended up with, Charlie Chaplin (Wolves), Bernard Shaw (Sheffield United), Bob Hope (West Bromwich Albion), Winston Churchill (Chelsea), Trevor Howard (AFC Bournemouth) and Baden Powell (Birmingham) - yes they really did exist. Currently playing for Leeds United is Jeff Chandler a London born Eire International. Many of you will doubtless remember the white-haired American actor, the late Jeff Chandler whose real name was in fact Ira Grossel.

There are quite a few examples of players not using their first Christian names too - Joesph Kevin Keegan for example and I would like to have seen anybody calling Frank McLintock MBE by his given name of Francis.

MEANINGS

It's also interesting to discover the meanings of surnames - and

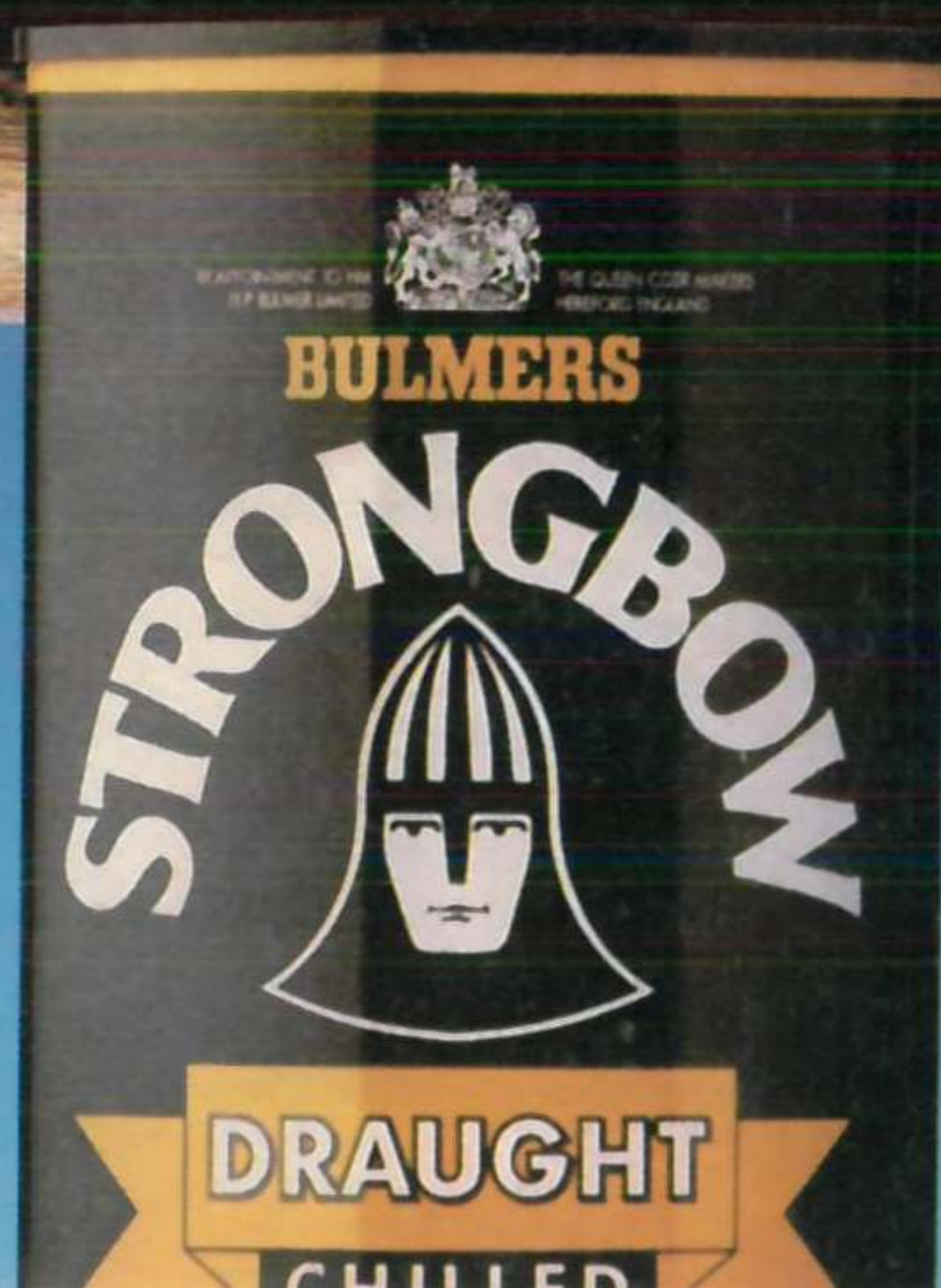
often quite surprisingly fitting for the people concerned.

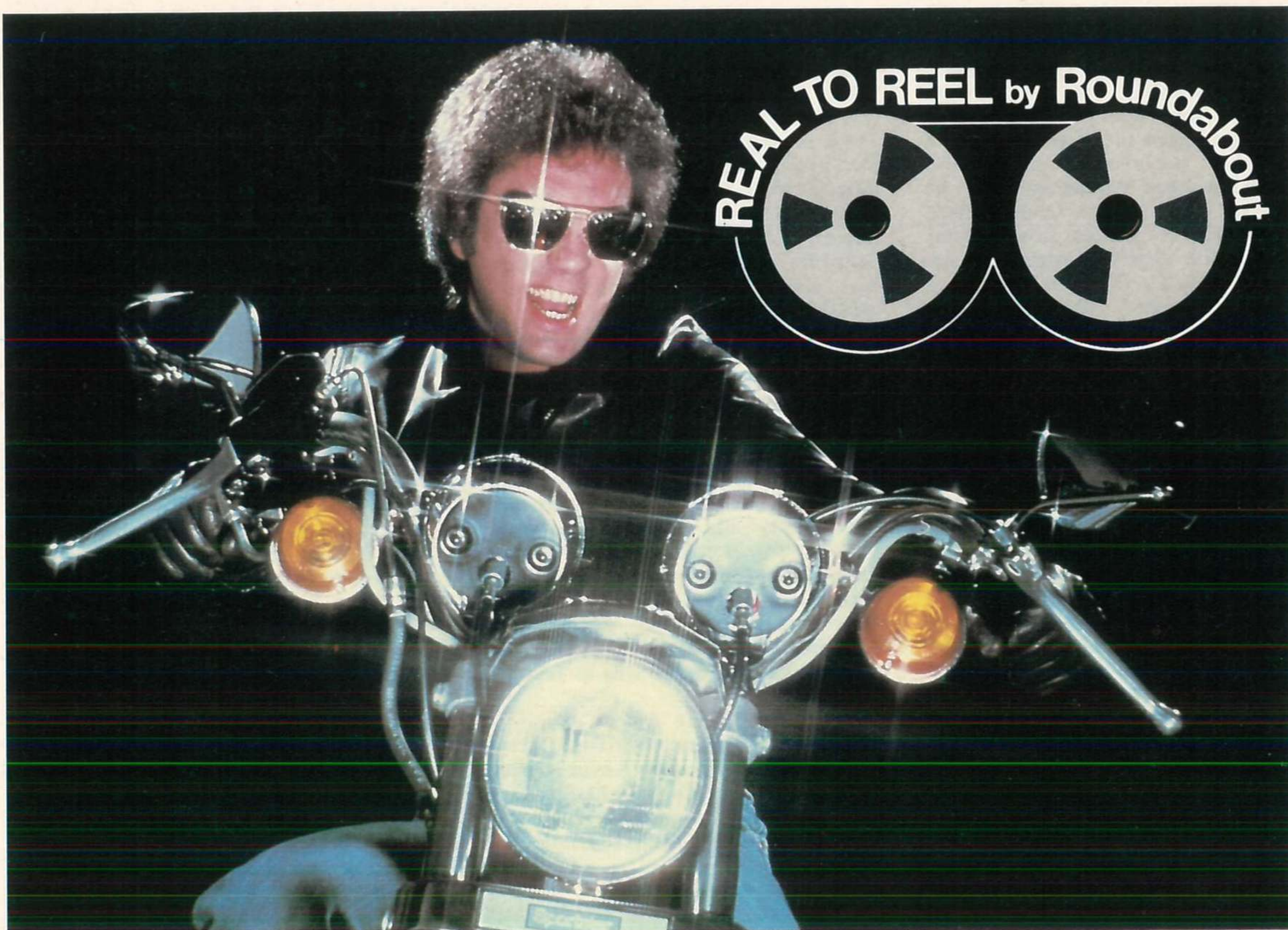
'Clough' for instance meant 'a ravine or deep valley' in Old English while 'Docherty' meant 'a descendant of the obstructive or stern person' in Irish. 'Keegan' comes from 'the son of Egan' the Irish, for Hugh. 'Barnwell' was the Old English for 'the stream of the warriors' - a modern Wolverhampton Wanderers perhaps?

For some extraordinary reason most of the television commentators are unable to pronounce the fairly simple name of Southampton and former England star Mike Channon. This name comes from the Old French 'cannon' where the clergy dwelt. How it can begin with a SH sound as given by such worthies as Brian Moore of ITV or Barry Davies and John Motson of BBC neither I nor Mike himself is able to explain but fortunately he's a very affable fellow and doesn't mind.

By the way just in case you wondered at the unusual surname of that great runner Sebastian Coe the name Coe is the Old English for 'a jackdaw' and is also a Norfolk dialect word for 'an odd old fellow', imagine that.... And all I have to worry about is getting people to spell my surname correctly and then making sure they rhyme 'Spiers' with 'ears'. At least my parents didn't call me Sebastian which is some consolation.

GBOW. NICE-COLD EDGE.





Recently released figures reveal there has been an upsurge in the sales of prerecorded cassettes. Apparently sales are up by one million units (22.8%) compared with a similar period last year. Pre-recorded cassettes now constitute 25% of all recorded music sales in the UK and net a much needed cash figure of close on £11 million a year for our hard pushed record companies. But despite this encouraging news, the industry is still watching its number of actual sales slide away with singles particularly badly hit.

Meanwhile Leeds based Glenn Simpson, who runs a music company called Public Eye Enterprises, has started his own "Home Taping Hurts" campaign. But wouldn't his message be a little stronger if he pointed out that home taping (the practise of taping a record from either the radio or a record itself onto a blank tape) is illegal into the bargain. Wonder just how many people realise that while they're taping their favourite records from friends? So do I. But back to the records.

NEW

Mike Oldfield, Russ Ballard and Rod Argent are all to be found on the new album by Lea Nicholson called "The Concertina Record" which can be found on Kicking Mule Records (it says here).

Interesting to see two guys who work for a record company over the fence and proving they can do it too. The Columbia brothers debuted their talents onto an unsuspecting world

with an astonishingly inventive version of Elvis Presley's "All Shook Up" and followed it with their own "You're Leaving". The boys are Martin Sunley and Louis Rodgers (Clodagh's brother) who by day work in the promotion department of a major record company. There is much industry interest in their own label Hotel Records and we can expect to see an album from the duo (they aren't related of course, just to complicate matters) before too many moons have set in the valley.

SUTHERLAND BROS.

Iron Maiden are fanatical devotees of West Ham. Anyone plucked up enough courage to ask Trevor Brooking if he feels the same way about them I wonder. I fancy not.

Stoke City and rabid Scotland fans the Sutherland Brothers are firmly ensconced in the studios preparing their next album. Gavin and Iain were the proverbial victims of the punk boom. Just as they were beginning to carve out healthy sales figures on their records, establish themselves in the singles charts with their "Arms of Mary" hit and generally get themselves together after years of hard slog, the punks arrived, branded then as "boring old farts" and the boys were left high and dry. But their plight was better than most. They have made an absolute killing by flogging their songs for others to record and it is songwriting, as perhaps we'll go into more depth at another time, that makes far more money than the

actual execution, so to speak, of a song. These two wrote "Sailing" which was such a huge hit for Rod Stewart all over the place — including twice in this country inside a year. Anyway, to cut a long story short, erstwhile tax exiles Gavin and Iain will no doubt find much interest in their forthcoming elpee from a whole host of singers, thirsty for new material.

BILLY JOEL

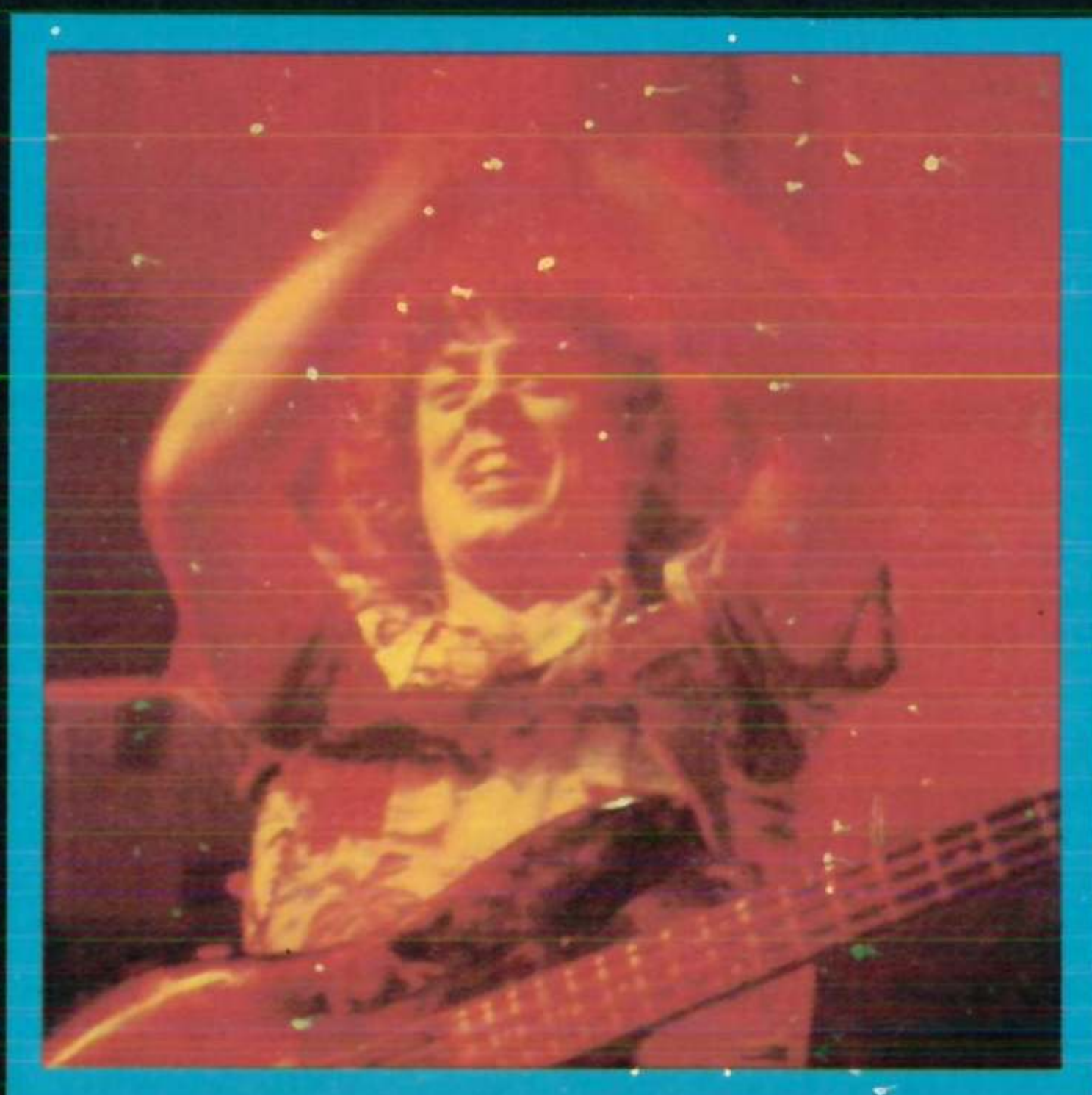
The fab Billy Joel is on the way to deciding what shape his next album will take. My spies tell me that it will be a double LP, a proportion of which will be taken from a live concert. What the material will be is a little hard to discern at the moment. Billy has always toyed with the idea of re-recording, via a live album, some of the material which appeared on his very first solo album "Cold Spring Harbour." That album hardly saw the light of day anywhere but nowadays it changes hands for vast amounts of money, especially in New York where the man himself is from. New York is so Joel crazy that his recent albums have gone platinum — in the US that's sales of over one million — in that city alone, never mind the rest of the country. That, in case you're wondering, means that something like one in twelve or thirteen people buy his albums. Still, he deserves it — a highly talented fellow. More news about him as it comes along. See you next time and remember, eyes on the ball chaps!

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WHEN A STRIP MEANT SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

by Graham Spiers

It was on the eleventh of April 1885 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall that a public meeting decided to form Luton Town Football Club and added that they should wear — navy blue and pink halves and a shirt and cap is to be worn by each member when playing! The reason for the compulsory wearing of shirts is fairly obvious but why the caps? Did Luton in those far off days suffer heatwaves unknown to the rest of the country? Had they heard from the local weatherman about a forthcoming drought perhaps?

No, the reason for the insistence on caps is that this was often the only way of identifying the players.

It was not until 1939 that the numbering of players was made compulsory for Football League games and so before that you simply had to know who the players were or buy a programme.

When the famous Wanderers of London went to Hampden Park,

Glasgow to play a 'friendly' against Queen's Park on Saturday 9th. October 1875 for instance the programme for the game is a revelation.

For a start the colours are given as:— Wanderers, White Jersey — Queen's Park, Black and White Stripe. That's pretty confusing anyway and would never be allowed today and you will notice that no mention is made of 'shorts' or 'knickers' as they were quaintly referred to for many years.

The reason for this is that the players wore long trousers tucked into their socks for many years.

A further look at the programme reveals more interesting details of how the players looked in that game over a century ago.

CAPS?

A.F. Kinnaird the Wanderer's right half-back for instance could be identified by his blue and white cap while W.S. Rawson the left half-back wore a blue cap. Although the back A.S. Stratford and left-wing J. Turner appear to have no distinguishing features. W.D. Greig on the right-wing had blue stockings and the other right-wing J. Kenrick wore a cerise and French grey cap. The other left-wing Hubert Heron sported grey stockings and orange, violet and black cap! To avoid confusion among the three 'centres' the captain C.W. Alcock wore a cap of blue and white chequers, R.L. Geaves a red and white cap and H.S. Otter a pink cap. One can only imagine that heading of the ball was minimal. Although Queen's Park did at least bother to ensure that all their players were in distinctive attire. I shall mention only two of their players — C. Herriot the centre back-up wore a black and

white cap but no stockings and left-back R.W. Neil who chose 'heather mixture stockings'.

All very colourful no doubt but was it really the strip to play football in? Considering that at the time I am writing about Queen Victoria was still on the throne and people were putting covers on the naughty naked legs of their pianos the great cover up of the time is hardly surprising.

LAST GREAT CHANGE

We are so used these days to the lightweight strip which our footballers wear — not only in the League but schoolboys playing in the local park — that many people watching football today forget when the last great change took place in football strip style. Like most innovations the change was something which just seemed to happen rather than everyone turning up for a new season wearing shorts which were short and no longer below the knee, stockings which had become socks and didn't appear to have been knitted onto the legs by granny and boots which looked as though they wouldn't weigh a ton after 90 minutes in a muddy pitch and probably hadn't already served dad or an elder brother, or both, through many seasons. By studying literally hundreds of pictures of football over the years I discover that the big change-over came exactly 20 years ago. By the start of the 1960-61 season all the League clubs were wearing 'modern' kit. That season's official FA Year Book carries several very interesting adverts. for football kit. 'Litespace' of Keighley, Yorkshire were offering an FA Model Jersey in super hard-wearing knitted Continental-style interlock cotton from 18 shillings each. You could



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also buy from them:— 'Beata' Shorts in sateen with balloon sides and treble-elasticated waist, from 10s9d. a pair and 'Plus-Four' non-shrink Terylene Stockings (they still weren't calling them socks) from 12s.6d per pair.

'Dunlop' had an impressive range of football boots too with those sporting a laminated sole and nylon studs the most expensive at £4.16s.6d. or the humble leather sole and leather studs at only £2.7s.3d.

Other leading names such as 'Bukta' and 'Umbro' were also among

the advertisers of sportswear that year and suddenly schoolboys and local teams were turning out looking not unlike their local League clubs — at least until they started playing. By the way I have heard recently of an interesting new expansion in the development of a company who specialise solely in direct sales to clubs.

Charterhouse Textiles of Loughborough have sent me a catalogue showing their full range of kit supplied with a level of service which they say cannot be matched.

The clubs themselves will be the judge of these claims. Some other kit manufacturers are having a lean time. This company at least is thriving which can only benefit the buyer.

Times have certainly changed and when I went to look at football boots in my local sportswear shop for the purpose of this article I realised that a pair of boots today would have cost me exactly two weeks' salary in 1960 and I've made a note to get my boots out of the attic and to spray some saddle soap on them — just in case I'm ever asked to make a comeback.

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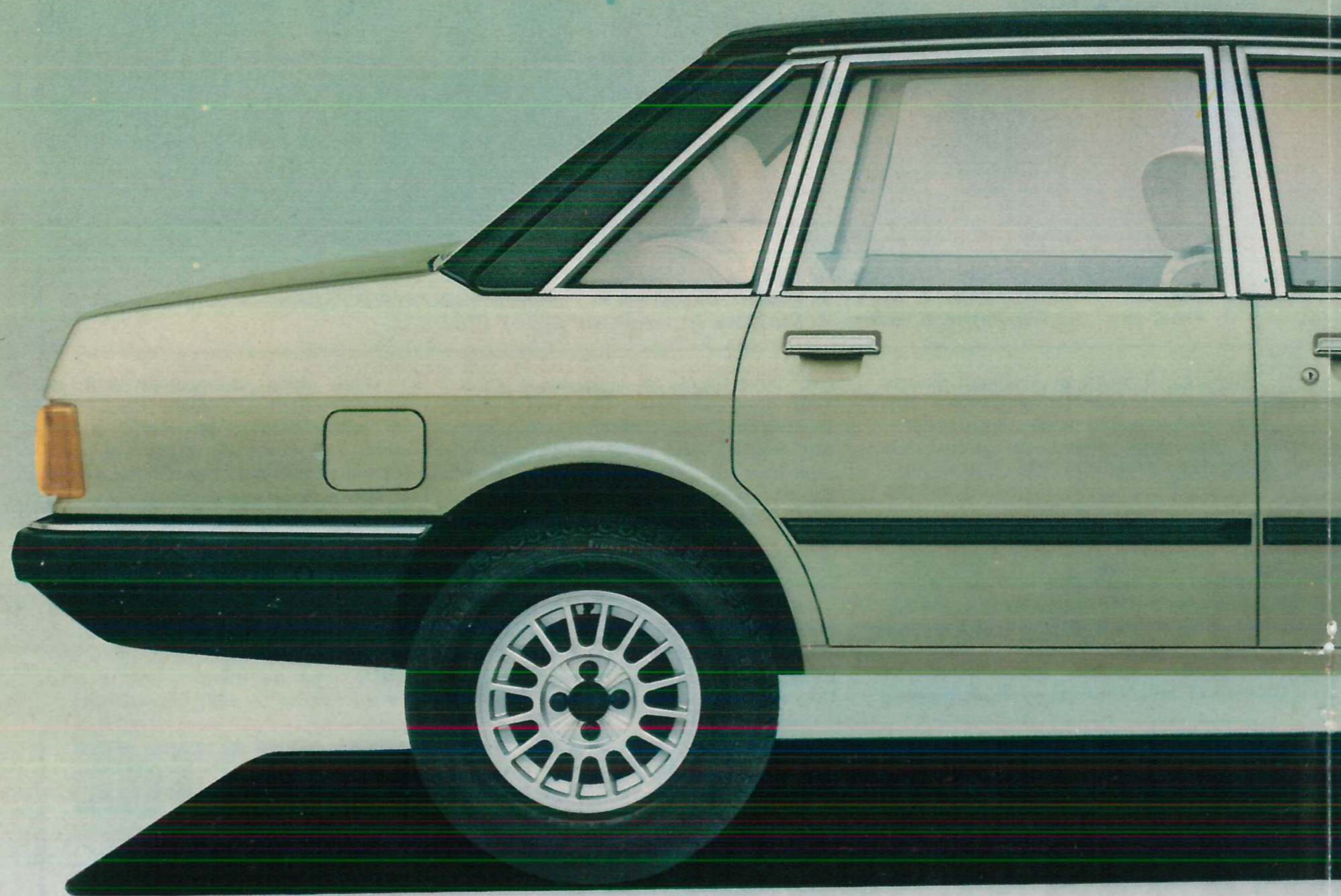
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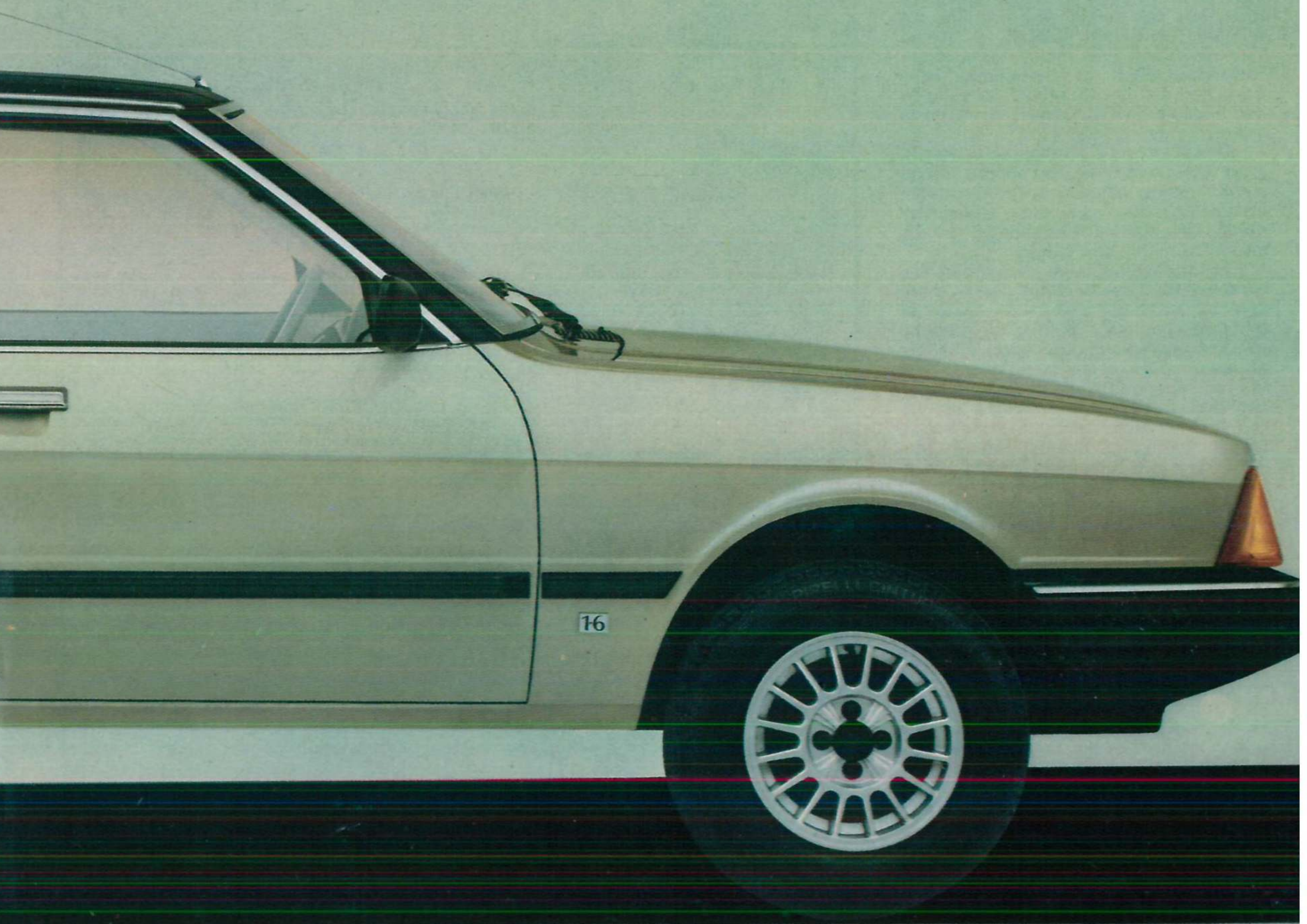


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What is it?

At present the high performance and luxury car market is in the grip of a fever we'll describe as turbo madness. Every car with prestige or sporting pretensions needs a turbo these days, it seems, or they're simply not in the latest engineering and ownership fashion race.

Porsche, BMW, SAAB, Audi, Peugeot, Mercedes and even Renault have cars equipped with turbochargers that they sell to the public. The tip is that two big British-based manufacturers will shortly join them, following TVR at Blackpool, who have had a turbocharged sports car in production (TVR Turbo) for several years.

Usually the turbocharger is simply a performance item, but its use to the public came about in a distinctly unsporting way and, even today the main use for turbocharging is far away from the race track.

Turbocharging was developed for mass production because users of big diesel engines wanted reliable performance at altitude without further increasing the size of their already large engines. Thus earth movers and caterpillar tractors were the first to make widespread use of the turbocharger on land, and then it spread to heavy lorries, which also needed a performance boost with minimal weight penalty.

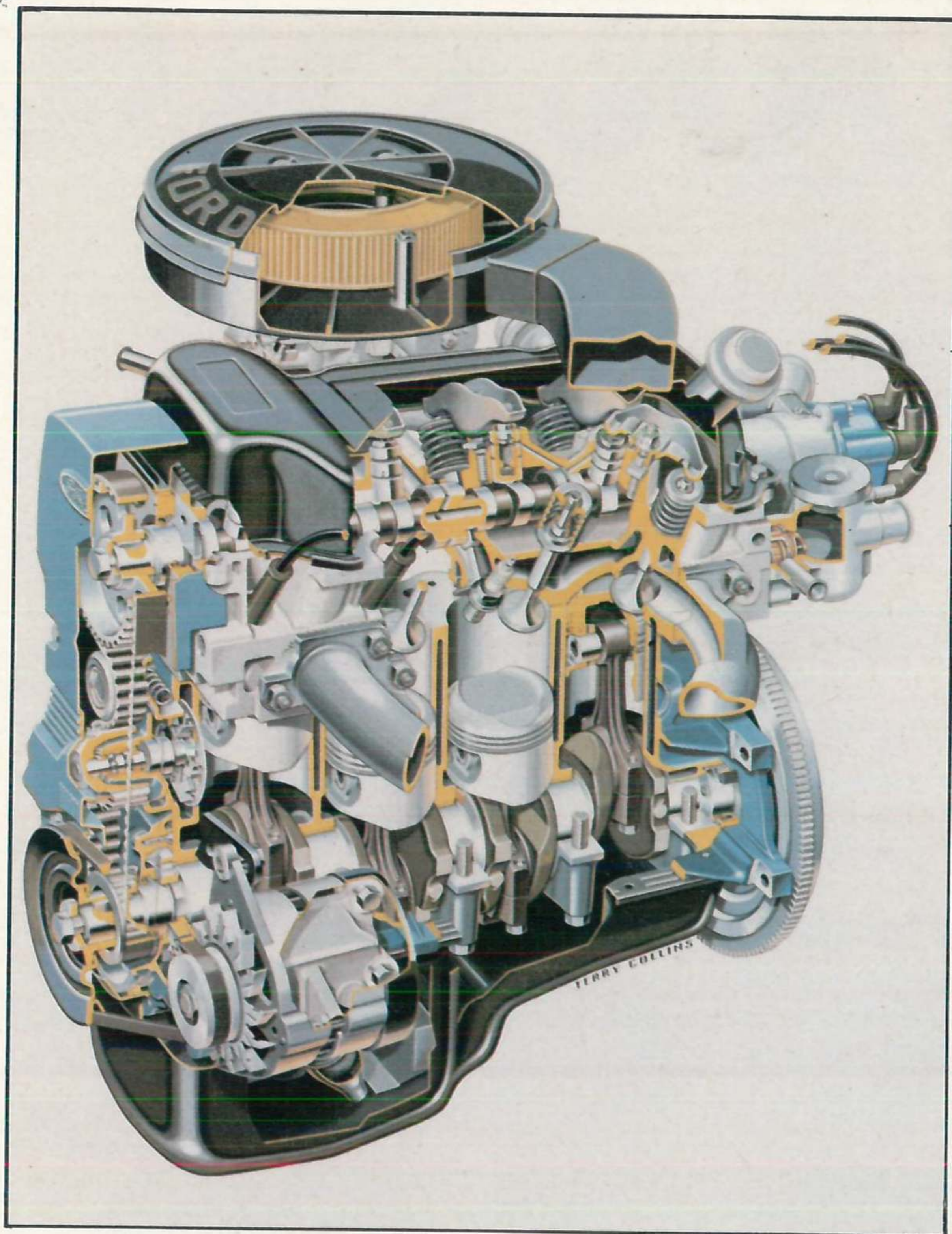
The engineering owes much to the aircraft industry in California, and piston engine aircraft have been equipped with turbochargers for maximum high altitude performance for many years.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The beauty of a turbocharger is that you almost get something for nothing. Placing a precision engineered compressor wheel in the path of an engine's exhaust provides an extra source of previously wasted energy to increase engine power output.

As the exhaust gases flow faster, so the compressor wheel (which looks like a small jet aircraft turbine wheel with lots of smaller blades) spins. As it spins it can be harnessed to feed air under pressure back to the engine, and that is what gives a considerable performance boost.

For example, the recently released Renault R5 turbo has a four cylinder engine of 1.4 litres. With the aid of the Garrett AiResearch T3 turbocharger (made in Skelmerdale as well as California) that little engine, which is pushed to give 97 bhp is highly tuned and rather rumbustious R5 - Alpine form, can be persuaded to provide 160 bhp. What's more your Mum could take it shopping and it would trundle through suburbia with hardly more than a hiccup (and the car's strange



The Ford CVH engine.

looks) to tell you anything unusual had happened to the engine.

Yet that same car can be persuaded to perform like a fast 3-litre with that small 1397cc turbo four cylinder.

The Renault engine output is more than the Ford V6 you find in a 3-litre Capri, and exactly the same as the 2.8 litre fuel injection engine you find in top-of-the-line Granadas!

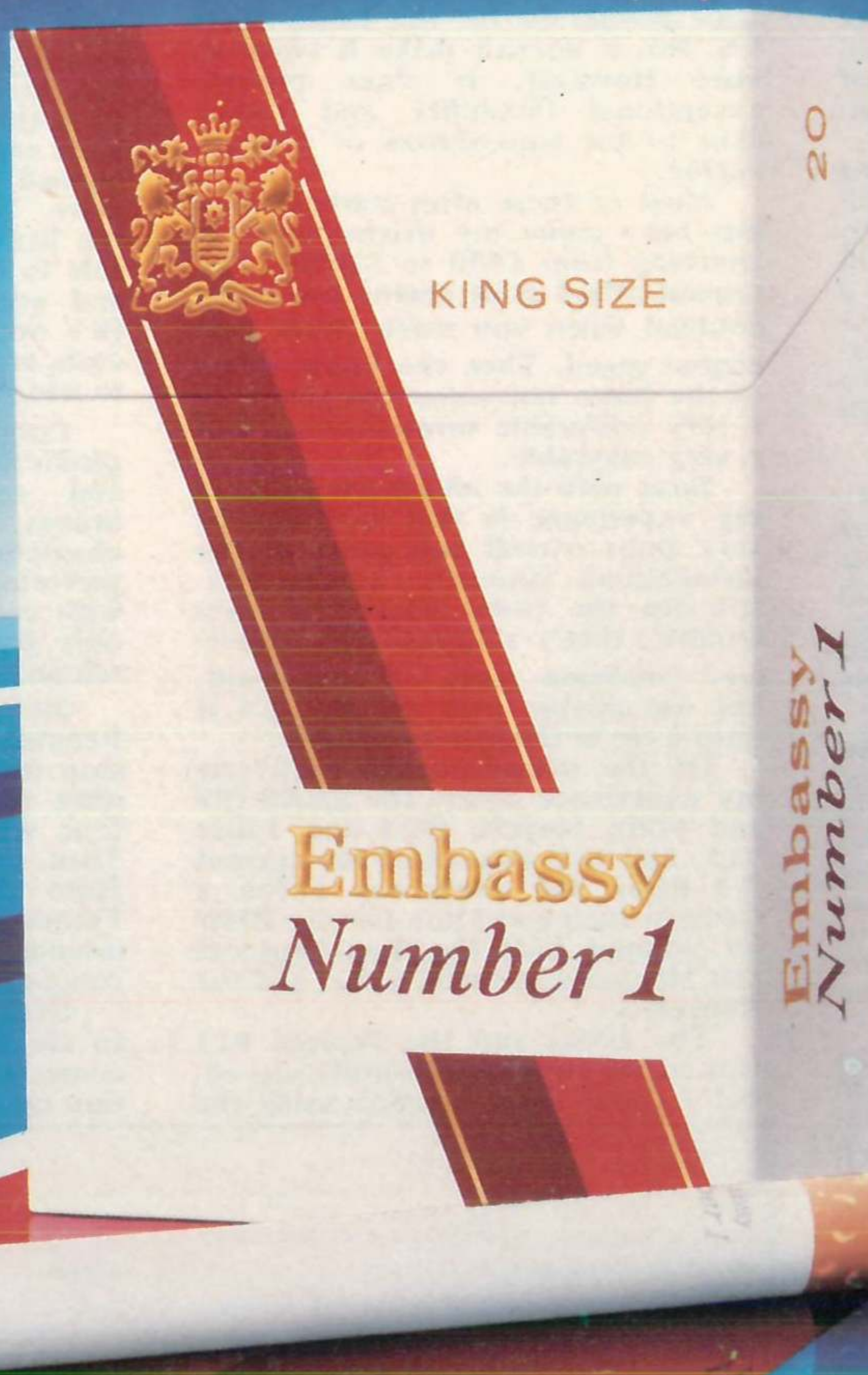
So turbocharging works by using waste exhaust gas and making it work to increase engine performance. Marvellous, what are the snags?

The answer is that the drawbacks are getting less every day. The

turbocharger is not a new idea and as people learn more and more about them, their use is being prophesied for the small family cars a generation away. Then it will be possible to have a 750cc engine with 50 mpg plus economy and the performance of today's 1.6 litre cars. However these small turbocharger engines need to be revving hard before they produce that extra power.

As developed for cars the turbocharger was a performance item. That meant that enthusiasts didn't worry too much about the problems of underbonnet heat. Indianapolis in the

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fifties was the initial proving ground for today's turbo. Now turbocharging is the rule, not the exception in American oval racing, also for long distance World Championship races, and the 1.5 litre turbo V6 is making ground in Grand Prix racing with Renault.

Now manufacturers have had to tackle that heat problem in saloon cars so that the engines don't become hard to start, due to fuel evaporation, or even catch fire by overheating some of the accessories around them.

Another snag was that fuel consumption tended to be very heavy when full use was made of the extra performance. This was because many of the early units (and some conversion sets today) had carburation that was set to provide lots of petrol mixture to cut down the risk of mechanical failures due to overheating on a weak mixture.

These kind of teething problems were often made worse by an installation that allowed dirt to get into the turbine. Dirty engine oil could obviously do a lot more damage to a turbine wheel spinning at over 100,000 rpm and engineered to aircraft tolerances, than it would to an engine that is unlikely to go much over 6000 crankshaft rpm.

HOW CAN YOU BUY A TURBO?

There are three distinct markets for the turbo in modern cars. First there's the straightforward high performance brigade. They are catered for by likes of the £27,950 Porsche Turbo or the £20,950 Lotus Esprit Essex Turbo.

These two toys will both top 150 mph, but that's not really their sole point in today's society, where only Germany of the Western countries allows motorists to drive without a legal maximum speed limit on unrestricted roads. Both of them have breathtaking acceleration, braking and cornering abilities, yet can be used every day.

Breathtaking? Well the Porsche can get to 100 mph from a standstill in the same time that a sporty little car like the Fiesta 1300S can reach 60 mph...! So you are at a standstill and, functionally under 13s later, you are swishing along at 100mph.

On the other hand the Lotus will corner at over 1G, a figure that racing cars of ten years ago would have been happy with on the international scene! That's the very top of the turbo market, there are other installations in family high performance cars I'll discuss later.

Back to our turbo markets. The second type of owner is going to be a very different character. Mercedes and Peugeot both offer turbocharged versions of their diesel cars. This very attractive alternative offers much of diesel's economy and reliability coupled to performance more like that of a petrol car.

I drove the £9508 Peugeot 604 diesel and found that it felt just like a normal petrol engined car, except that it returned Mini-style mpg and acceleration, coupled to a rather noisy and smoky early morning first-start of the day. So that's the business owner as a potential turbo customer. Especially one who travels long distances in Europe, where diesel is often a lot cheaper than petrol (though it can be harder to find).

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TURBO KITS

The third potential turbo buyer is the man who buys a kit, or has one fitted (more likely), to his existing car. The specialist in this field are Salisbury based Janspeed using Rotomaster branded equipment. A typical conversion costs around £1000 and will go on a car like a Datsun 260/280Z sports car or Ford Escort RS 2000: the type of car that already has good brakes and handling to cope with increased performance.

A little out of the ordinary is a twin turbocharger installation the same people do for the Rover 3500 V8. No, it doesn't make it twice as fast! However, it does provide exceptional flexibility and power akin to the smoothness of a steam engine.

Most of these after-market turbo kits have come my driving way (at anything from £850 to £2000). The general effect is of engine size being doubled when you reach about half engine speed. Then the boost effect of the turbo takes over and gives you a very noticeable surge forward that is very enjoyable.

Snag with the aftermarket kits in my experience is that mpg can be very poor overall and some of the installations promote unreliability. It's not the turbo itself that gives trouble, that's a beautifully engineered precision piece of equipment, but the people who try and get it onto a car as cheaply as possible.

Of the manufacturers road cars my experience covers the SAAB (99 and 900), Porsche (924 and 3-litre 911, 260 bhp instead of the current 3.3 litre/ 300 bhp); the Lotus, a German engineered non-factory BMW six cylinder, both the diesel Peugeots and Mercedes in turbo guise, and the Renault 5.

The Lotus and the Porsche 911 rear-engine turbo were simply superb, but I could never imagine using the

Lotus every day. The Porsche 924 turbo was disappointingly rough and ready in delivering power, while the SAABs struck me as the best of all for everyday use. The 99 is more of a sporty and affordable choice at £7940, with two doors and four speed gearbox.

The power steered, five speed, 900 comes from £10,350 in three door form, or £10,750 with a useful five doors. The latter are slightly less sporty but a pleasure to use for long or short trips in safety at speed.

Most exciting? For me it was the most unusual – the Renault factory's recently announced R5 Turbo. This has the engine in the middle (instead of at the front as normal), driving the back wheels via a five speed gearbox, instead of that car's normal front drive. This had been done to make the little car handle like a racer. Its role in life will be to sell to wealthy and eccentric European boy racers (it's not available in Britain, but it costs around £12,000 in France) and to win World Championship rallies).

Complete with its distorted plastic bodywork to cover big wheels and racing-style suspension and brakes, the little Renault is a real character. It manages 3-litre Capri performance in a straight line, allied with cornering capabilities that were only given in the most exotic racing saloon cars of a few years back.

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Letter to America



ROB HUGHES
of the
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Times

Dear America,

Remember how you used to boast that what Americans do today, the British do tomorrow? Not this time, pal. By our reckoning, we pipped you to soccer by about a century and, though it took us almost that long to discover it, we're now years ahead in benefitting from the inbred flexibility and rhythm of our black players.

You've probably heard of our proudly black internationals Laurie Cunningham and Viv Anderson? We have lots more, including up-and-coming goalscorers Vince Hilaire, Cyrille Regis and Garth Crooks. In fact, though many of our managers had this dafy idea that coloured lads lacked bottle (guts to you), the prejudice has rubbed away now.

So how is your scouting in black ghetto areas? We ask because it is obvious from the spectrum of U.S. sport that the black community is an essential part of any game that becomes woven into the fabric of

competition. We also ask because we recall Johan Cruyff (who taught Europe a thing or two before transferring to your shores) saying in Washington at the start of this season: "You don't see black athletes in soccer. I think it's because the game hasn't been properly introduced in the inner-city areas."

You no doubt saw ironies in Johan's observation — not least that at the time America was burying one of the world's foremost black athletes, Jesse Owens, and hearing of the comeback of another, Muhammad Ali. Of course, what Cruyff meant was black American soccer players; he knew how Teofilio Cubillas, the Peruvian with the devastating long shot, was communicating the joy of playing down in Fort Lauderdale and Ace Notsoelonge, a black South African, was a thrilling part of Minnesota Kicks. And, of course, the North American Soccer League had built its platform largely on the magnetic appeal of the world's greatest natural player of all time, Pele.

NO COLOUR BAR

So we can see there's no colour bar in the NASL. Yet, like Cruyff, we wonder why a league so keen to embrace all the black magic it can import had graduated only one home-grown negro — Jimmy Wilson of Dallas Tornado — in 14 years' history.

It's a fact that Wilson disappeared quickly, but a fact, too, that soccer's traditional breeding grounds were working class. Cruyff understands the lure of sporting fame for the poor kid, being the son of a widow who cleaned the stadium steps at Ajax

while that club was signing him at 12. Generalisations are odious, but it is very often true that black boys have two reasons to grasp the sporting nettle — 1) as a way out of poverty and 2) as our Laurie Cunningham often says, to beat discrimination, force society to respect him.

There isn't an American sport where those hungers haven't produced great sportsmen. If, however, you'll permit a personal observation, soccer in the States seems pitched towards an essentially middle-class audience. We can see the financial reasons for this, but it is sad because American kids — black and white — are just waking up to soccer as a cheap and easy game for the streets and parks.

Finally, did anyone there act on the plan of national coach Walt Chyzowych to build a new strand into the American dream? He said this: "If we took the top basketball guards, white or black, at age 10 and began teaching them to do with their feet what they do with their hands, we would have a team of Peles when they were 18." Over-simplistic, maybe, but you have to start with dreams.

yours in sport,

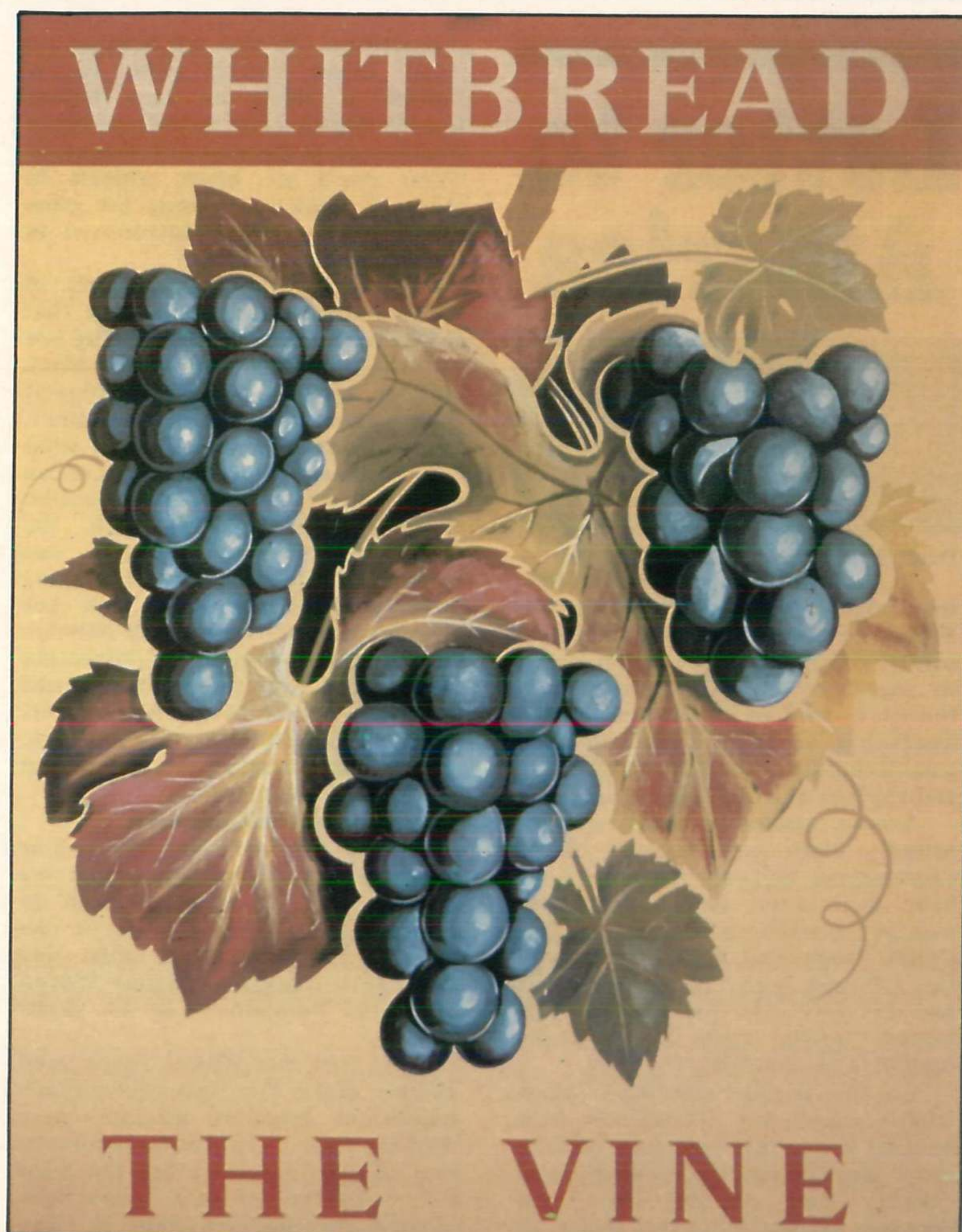
P.S. Incidentally, we admit one American scout did spot Cunningham before most Englishmen were convinced. He was a director of the Harlem Dance Co., who saw Laurie at 17 and wrote to Orient manager George Petchey saying he never saw a more graceful athlete. If Laurie fell out with soccer, there was room aplenty in Harlem.

A Bit Of Local History

BY GRAHAME SPIERS

Over the Years I've spent a good few hours in Public Houses often while waiting for a football ground to open before the game. Most clubs have a convenient 'local' and many of us also enjoy dropping in at our own 'local' hostelry if only to escape the Summer 'repeats' on television or because of the welcoming warmth in the winter or possibly just to drown our sorrows when our team fails to get beyond the First Round of the Cup yet again. Now the name of the Pub in question may not make a lot of difference to us but perhaps, like me, you've sometimes wondered just where those names come from. So let's explore a bit of 'local' history.

There's every chance that you may have a Pub. near you called the *Red Lion* – well there are more pubs. with this name than any other in Britain – there are more than 400 of them. The name comes mainly from John of Gaunt's badge, you might remember he was the son of Edward III and father of King Henry IV and was the most powerful figure in this country for some 30 years. The founder of the House of Lancaster he lived from 1340 to 1399 so none of the Pubs. bearing his sign were actually around in his lifetime. Pub signs



were made compulsory in the fourteenth century by King Richard II to guide drinkers, who were unable to read, to their alehouses.

But the signs on drinking houses go back a lot further than Medieval times. In 79 A.D. Mount Vesuvius erupted wiping out the two Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. When eventually these cities were excavated from the tons of lava and ash which had kept them hidden for hundreds of years it was discovered that most of the shops had signs displayed outside them. In Herculaneum alone they found no less than 900 signboards of drinking houses and other trades. And what was the most popular sign in those far off days? 'Chequers', which showed that you could play a game of draughts there while you enjoyed a drink. Today's 'Chequers' Inn signs often denote that in Medieval times it was the sign of the money-changer and quite naturally many of the pubs bearing this name today are in sea ports.

A THOUSAND INNS

While the 'Vine' was the first Inn sign brought into existence by the Roman invasion of Britain, Richard the Second's law that pubs must display signs and the growing number of Inns soon saw inn signs becoming bigger and better as the rivalry got under way. By 1656 the number of alehouse keepers in London alone had risen to well over 1,000.

In the 15th century the headquarters of the brewery trade was in Love Lane in the City of London although the Brewers Guild had been granted its original Charter by Henry VI in 1438. This Guild's hall was built in 1420, showing their prosperity but it was destroyed, as were many Inns, by the Great Fire of London in 1666. Many of the Inn signs had been carved in stone and so they survived the Fire and they give us some idea of what our local might have been called three centuries ago. You could have popped into the 'Goose and Gridiron', 'Three Crowns', 'Three Kings', 'Three Bells', 'Ape and Apple', 'George and Dragon', or the 'Bull's Head'.

The 'Goose & Gridiron' was probably so named in ridicule of the 'Swan & Harp' a popular sign for the early music houses although correctly the coat-of-arms of the Musicians' Guild – showing a flying swan and gridiron, the emblem of St. Lawrence of Rome who legend says was roasted to death on one!

Many Inns have their present names by mistake. Take the 'Bag o' Nails' for instance. This sign began life as the Bacchanals the feasts and orgies of Bacchus the Roman God of wine. Or what about the 'Bull and Mouth'? This was originally Boulogne Mouth in memory of the capture of Boulogne by Henry VIII in 1544.

The 'Swan with two Necks' is also

wrong. The Vintners' Guild share with the Dyers' Guild the right to keep swans on the River Thames along with the Sovereign. So they can tell who the swans belong to, those of the Monarch are unmarked, the Dyers' swans have a single nick in their beaks but the Vintners' swans have 'two nicks' in the beaks. Hence – the Swan with Two Necks.

THE BULL

There are many inns with 'Bull' in their name – a reminder that bull-baiting was once the Englishman's favourite sport – until outlawed by Parliament as recently as 1836.

Another animal to turn up in Inn signs is noted in the 'Pig & Whistle'. This comes from the Saxon 'piggen' meaning a 'milking pail' and 'wassail' – 'be in health'. In the early days the beer was served in pails and patrons dipped their mugs (called 'pigs') and served themselves.

Although you wouldn't realise it the 'Talbot' is also connected with an animal – a breed of hunting dog used by packmen in olden times.

The very popular 'Rising Sun'

derived from the badge of Edward III – the sun in splendour. Yet another animal is mentioned in the oddly named 'Goat & Compasses' although the original had nothing to do with a goat but was a mixing up of the blessing 'God encompasses us'.

If you are looking for a classy name you could try the 'Two Chairmen' – nothing to do with two Football League club bosses but this sign was found in areas where the fashionable travel was by sedan chair!

Your local may not be among those I've mentioned here but whatever the name of it is you can bet there's a story behind it which could give you a good reason for getting chatting to the barmaid after the match today. As for me well I'm off to my local the 'Red Cow' and where does that name come from? Nothing very glamorous I'm afraid it simply refers to the time when red cows were held in much more esteem in England than the common black ones but what does it matter – they serve excellent beer and that's what really counts.



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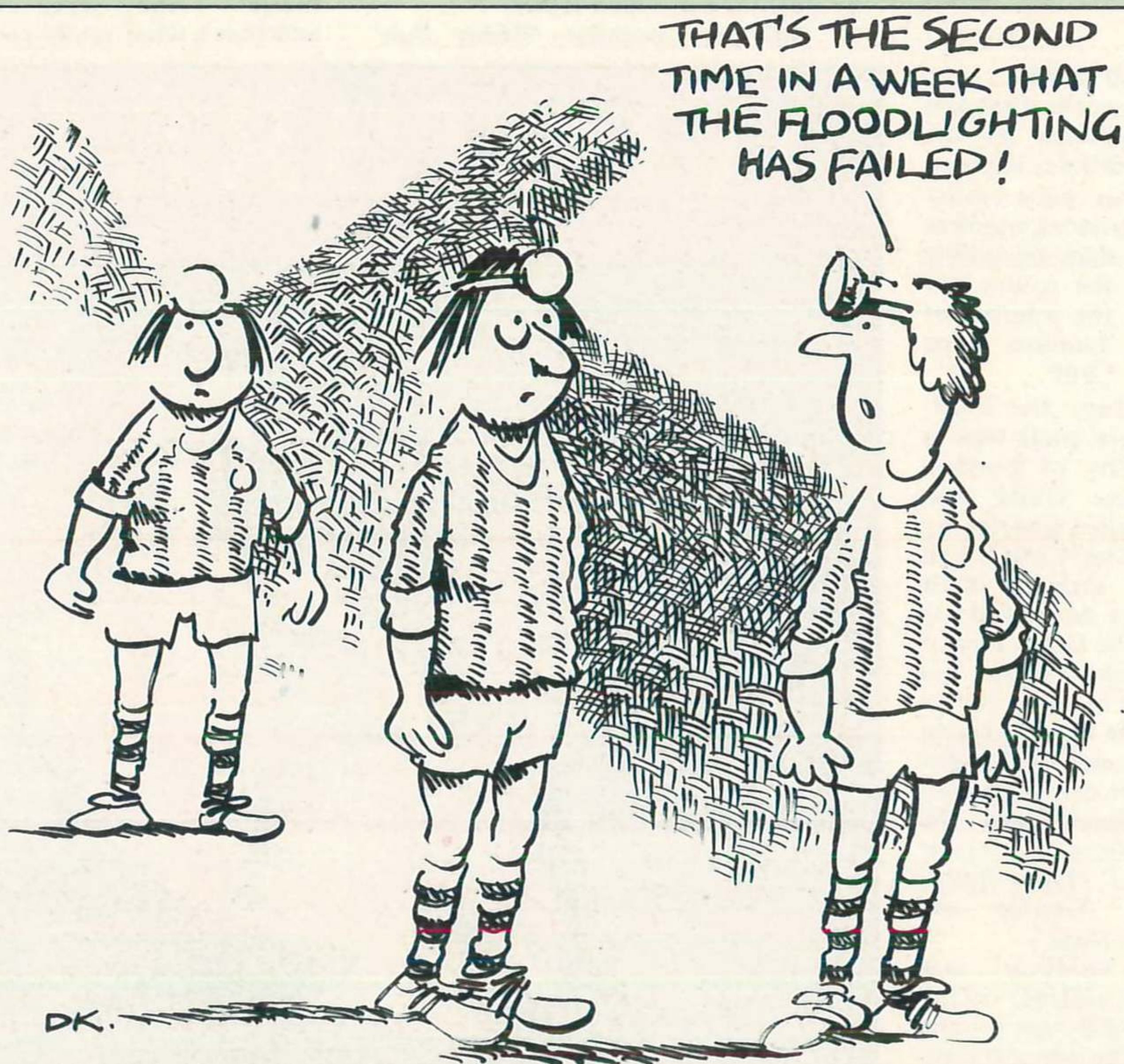
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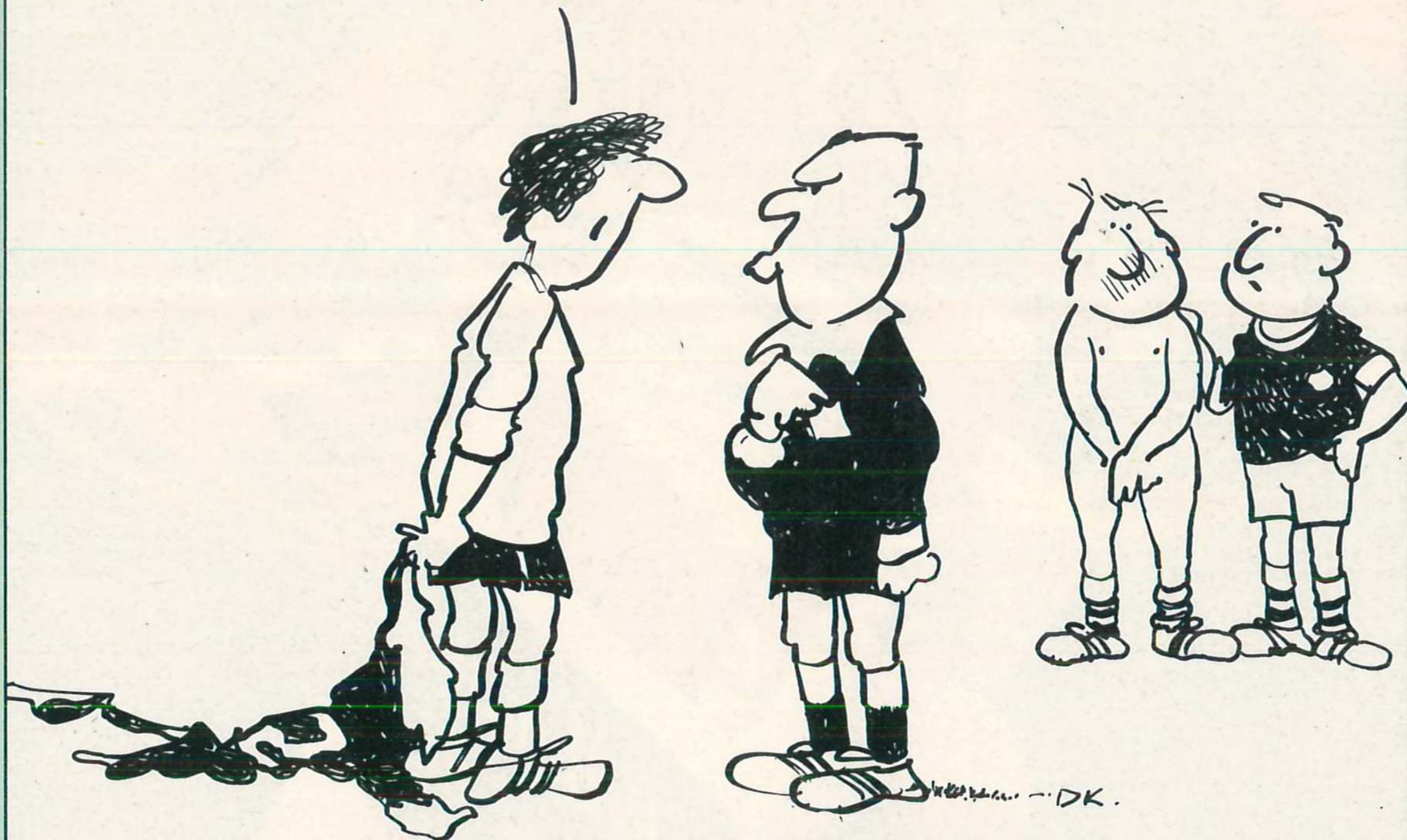
A very efficient regimental type of referee had obviously decided to "take hold" of the game at the onset.

Every time there was a foul or obstruction he whistled stridently, pointed straight at the offenders then re-directed his indicating finger sharply to his own (the referee's) feet, implying that he "wanted words" with the offender.

This went on several times until one exasperated lady supporter called out "Don't keep pointing to "it" ref. give us a flash."

**A.A. Relton,
Southend-on-Sea,
Essex.**

PULL HIS SHIRT?
NOT ME REF!



Dear Editor,

My friend aged 18 told me this true story about his manager. He said the football team were having a terrible season and in their latest home game, they were four goals behind. When the fifth goal went in, the manager leapt to his feet and yelled at the substitute sitting beside him, 'That's it! You're on the transfer list!' The sub said, 'Hang on, boss — why blame me? I'm not even playing.' 'I know,' said the manager, 'but if you can't get into this team, you must be rubbish!'

Mukesh G. Patel,
Wolverhampton,
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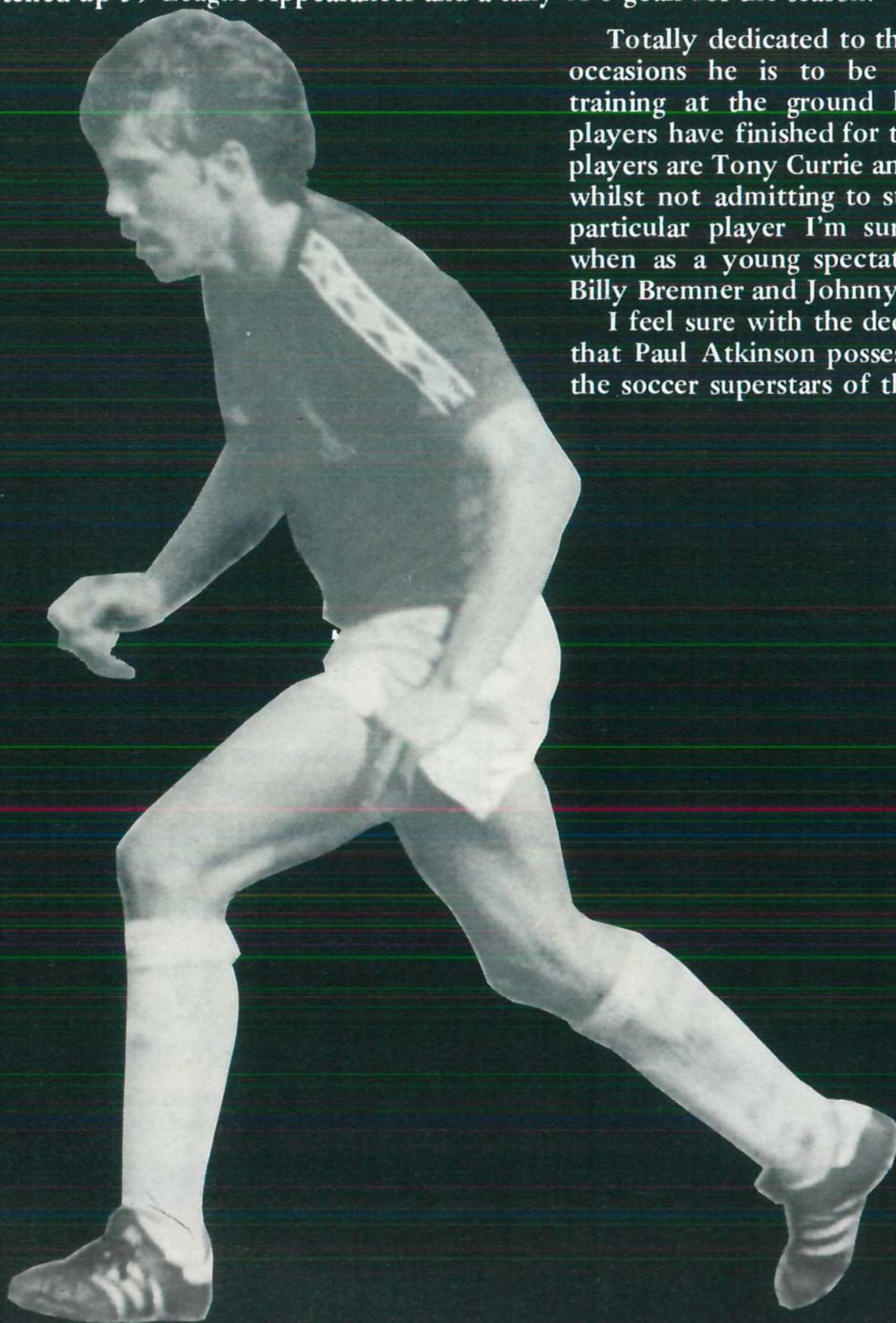
Personality profile...

If the future of Oldham Athletic is to be assured by a combination of shrewd dealings in the transfer market and the continued development of a successful youth policy then I feel sure Athletic supporters can be well satisfied with the progress achieved so far. With Manager Jimmy Frizzell continuing to amaze us with his bargain signings, today we would like to take the opportunity to spotlight Paul Atkinson, just one of Athletics young players, who surely must convince everyone that the Club does indeed have a very successful youth policy. Paul, who has established himself as a first team regular, is only 19 and one of the Club's most eligible bachelors. Hailing from Pudsey in Yorkshire, Paul started playing football at school at the age of seven and represented his school, Ley Top Juniors in Bradford. He played for Bradford Under 11's at the age of nine and then moved to Pudsey with his parents and won a place in the Leeds Boys Team at the age of 12. He also represented Yorkshire in their Boys Team.

It was another success for Athletic Chief Scout, Colin McDonald, when he brought Paul to Boundary Park for a trial match in 1977 and immediately signed him as an apprentice. Paul got his chance of first team football at the start of last season with our away trip to Newcastle and celebrated by scoring a goal, and in total notched up 39 League Appearances and a tally of 6 goals for the season.

Totally dedicated to the game, on numerous occasions he is to be found a lone figure training at the ground long after the other players have finished for the day. His favourite players are Tony Currie and Charlie George, and whilst not admitting to styling himself on any particular player I'm sure he was influenced when as a young spectator he used to watch Billy Bremner and Johnny Giles at Elland Road.

I feel sure with the dedication and ambition that Paul Atkinson possesses he will be one of the soccer superstars of the future.



in Reserve

Since our last programme when we reported on the good win at Port Vale, the reserves have played four matches. Losing 4-1 at Wrexham and winning the next three home matches 2-0 against Bolton, 3-0 against Altrincham and 5-1 against Rochdale last Saturday when we saw a really entertaining game full of good football and most enjoyable to watch.

The recent games have given the club chance to have a good look at the ex-Burnley full-back Steve McAdam who has been given a months trial. Also last Saturday saw the appearance of Gary Jones the ex-Everton and Birmingham winger who has recently returned from a spell in America and whilst not fully match fit, Gary certainly turned on an impressive performance.

Turning to the Youth Team, Tuesday October 7th sees them in action here at Boundary Park in the Lancashire Youth Cup against Burnley (Kick-off 7.00 p.m.) and the team is likely to include Athletic apprentices McDonough, Eagan, Birchenough, Bowden, Anderson and Humphries and should be well worth watching.

Finally congratulations go out to John Ryan who last week passed his driving test.

Schoolboy Coaching Corner

By Graeme Hollinshead

THE IMPORTANCE OF DRIBBLING

The ability of one player to beat one or more defenders by holding the ball and dribbling will always cause marked defensive problems for his opponents. Although not everyone will become a brilliant dribbler, every young player should be encouraged to become clever at dribbling round an opponent.



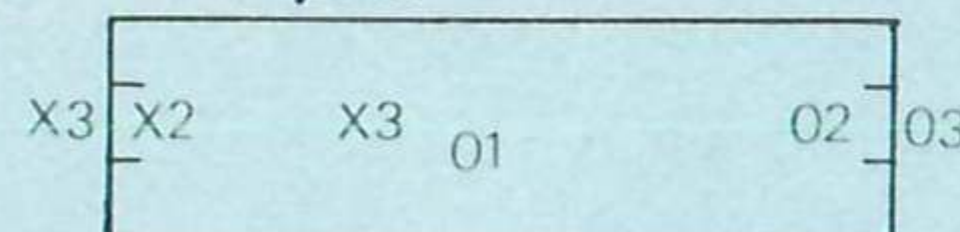
The principles of Good Dribbling.

- Keep the ball within comfortable playing distance so that you can move off with the ball in any direction.
- Be evenly balanced to move in any direction.
- Try to develop a slight change of direction followed by an explosive change of pace as the ball is played past your opponent. To do this, run straight at your opponent and when you are just outside tackling range play the ball to either the opponent's left or right hand side.

Dribbling in itself counts for nothing unless the attacker uses the opportunity to pass, cross or shoot effectively.

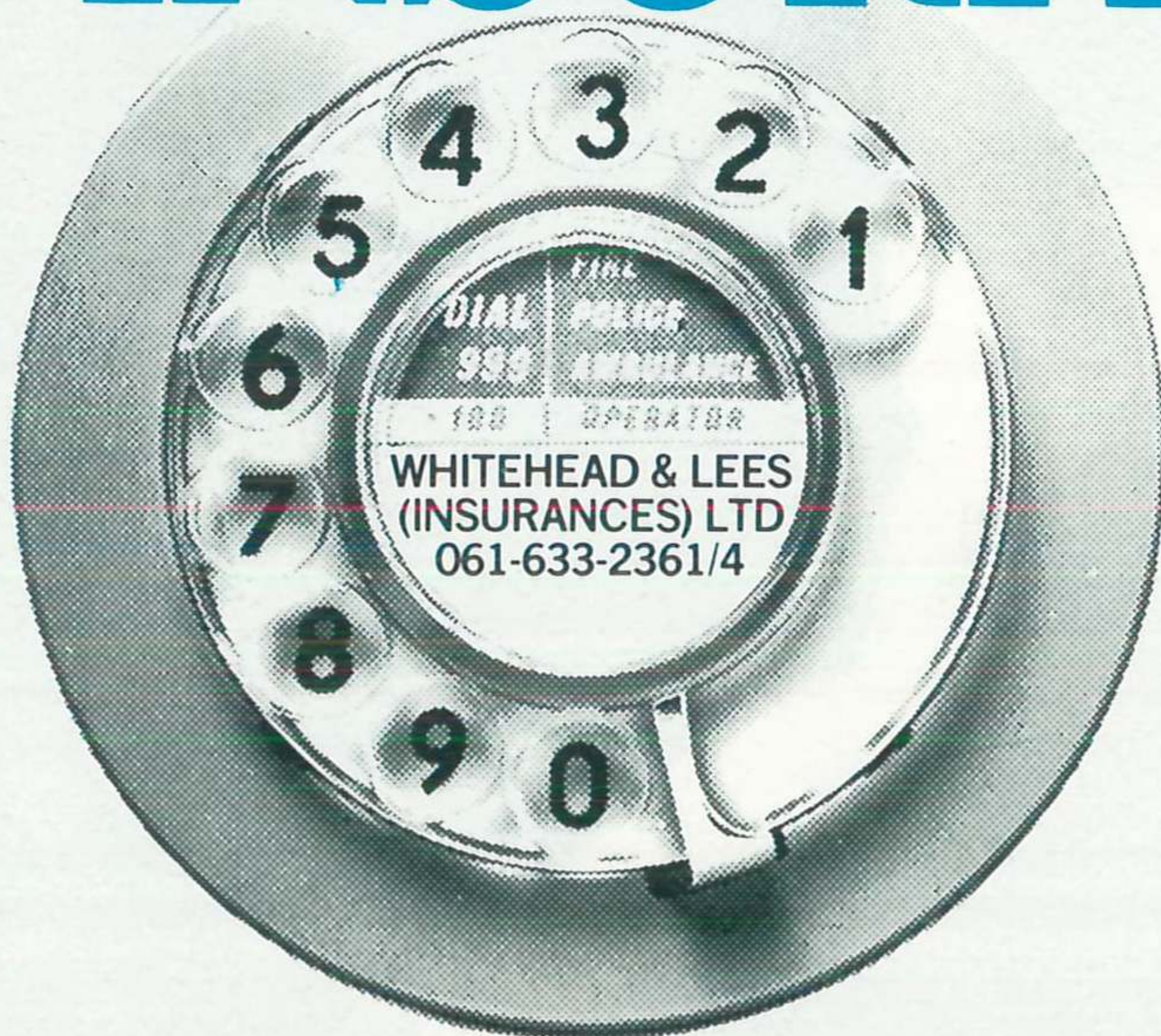
Dribble and Shoot Practice.

Area of 40 x 20 yards.



- X3 dribbles past 01 and scores past 02.
 - X3 then becomes the defender and 02 attempts to beat X3 aiming to score past X2. 01 will go behind his own goals for his next attempt.
 - X2 then attacks 02 (03 becoming the goalkeeper).
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Any enquiries regarding ball boys should be addressed to Mr. G. Vernon c/o Oldham Athletic F.C., Boundary Park, Oldham.

Whilst on the subject of tracksuits, Umbro Sportswear who supply all the kit to Oldham Athletic are introducing an Oldham Athletic Tracksuit in the replica range and this will be available exclusively through the Latics Shop in the next few weeks.

MATCHDAY LOTTERY TICKET SELLERS REQUIRED

In order to help ease the congestion around our Lottery/Programme kiosks on matchdays we require additional lottery ticket sellers to cover all the turnstile areas inside the ground.

Anyone interested should contact the Commercial Office/Shop in Sheepfoot Lane, besides a free ticket for the match, commission will be paid on all sales. If you can't make it after today's game or have difficulty in getting down to Boundary Park during the week, just give us a ring on 061-652 0966.

SUPPORTERS CLUB REALLY GETS OFF THE GROUND

We have had a really encouraging response from the new style supporters club get togethers we have been holding on Tuesday evenings in the Boundary Club.

We have seen a special "Question of Soccer Quiz" when a team representing the playing staff including Simon Stainrod Peter McDonnell and Bob Jay took on a team from the supporters club made up of Chairman Colin Shaw, and Committee Members, Dave Bentley and Bernard O'Brien. The playing staff just pipped the supporters club with a final score of 53 points to 51.

We also had a very interesting sports forum when guests, Jimmy Frizzell, Ronnie Blair, Bob Young and Directors Mr. G. Knight and Mr. G. T. Butterworth answered questions on all aspects of the club and its activities.

We were also encouraged by the varying age groups of the people who attended and welcome suggestions from all supporters who are already members or prospective

members on what kind of format you would like to see at the social evenings in the Boundary Club.

YET MORE WINNERS WITH THE MOONRAKER II LOTTERY

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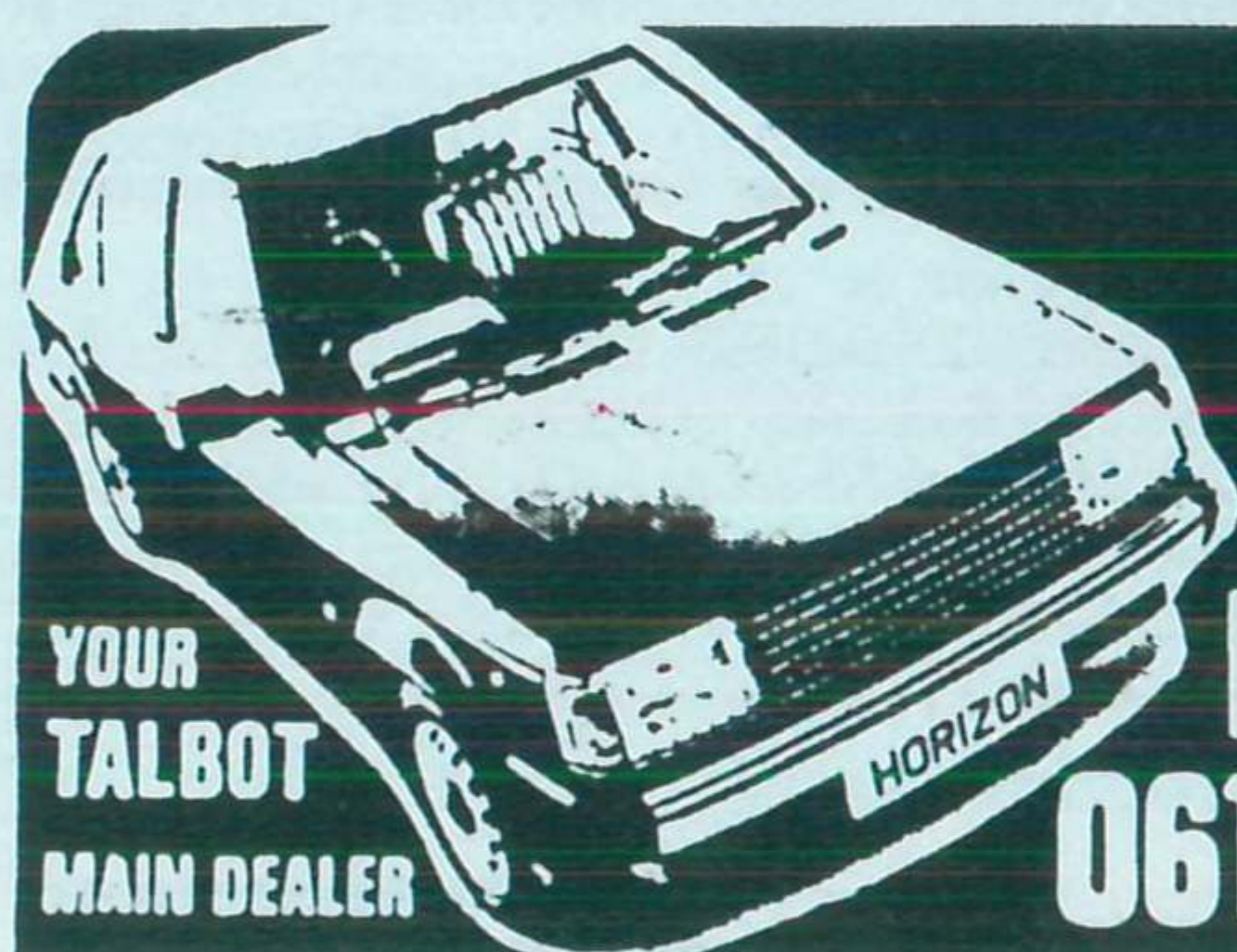
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MATCH TICKET NEWS

One of the most disturbing sights at the now infamous Sheffield Wednesday game on 6th September was that of many of our supporters leaving the ground following incidents in the Ford Stand Paddock, some vowing never to return, and whilst our actions on the day and the general condition of the ground have led to praise from the Football Association we are taking steps as from today, to ensure that this section in particular is restricted to our supporters, in the knowledge that the majority of those parents who bring their children to Boundary Park use this paddock. Consequently, on any future game where a large contingent of visiting supporters are expected, admission to the Ford Stand Paddock will be by ticket only, and supporters will only be able to purchase a ticket from Boundary Park up to the Friday night before a Saturday game.

Extra steps have also been taken to ensure segregation in other areas of the ground by the provision of extra stewards around the turnstiles. This could lead to some inconvenience for our supporters going into these sections but we are sure they would agree that this is a small price to pay if it will make Boundary Park a safe ground for our supporters.

FOOTBALL AT BOUNDARY PARK

Saturday October 4th 1980

ATHLETIC v. SHREWSBURY

Football League Division Two – Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Football League Division Two – Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday October 21st 1980

ATHLETIC v. NOTTS COUNTY

Football League Division Two – Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Saturday October 25th 1980

ATHLETIC RES. v. MORECAMBE RES.

Lancashire League Division One – Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

200 CLUB NEWS

The Draw for September took place in the V.P. Lounge at Boundary Park prior to the match versus Sheffield Wednesday. The winning numbers were:-

1st – £160.00 – 92

2nd – £80.00 – 178

3rd – £40.00 – 105

Congratulations to the lucky winners and to everyone who's number did not come out we hope you have better luck next time.

The Dog Night on 4th December in the Boundary Club looks as though it will be another roaring success and anyone wishing to purchase a ticket or Dog should contact Mrs. Higginbottom at the main office as soon as possible.

If anyone should wish to have any further information on the 200 Club or Dog Night or even wishes to suggest ways of raising funds (whilst enjoying the task) Mrs. Higginbottom will be pleased to hear from you.

JUNIOR LATICS CLUB NEWS

Membership of the Junior Latics Club is expanding rapidly and at the moment are still accepting new members.

If you would like to join simply send in your name and address, date of birth, who your favourite player is and why, together with £1.00 subscription to: The Junior Latics Club, Boundary Park, Oldham OL1 2PA.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BOUNDARY CLUB

Don't forget Tuesday Night is Supporters Club Night at the Boundary Club with special attractions including, Question and Answer Forums, Sports Quizzes, Video Recordings of most of Athletics home matches, plus dancing and entertainments.

The Boundary Club is of course available for private functions and telephone enquiries should be made on 061-624 8985 (Secretary) 061-643 2487 (Office). If you are interested in Modern and Modern Sequence Dancing you will enjoy Wednesday and Sunday Evenings. (Sundays members only) when our regular Modern Latin and Modern Sequence Dancing sessions take place.



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RADIO LATICS with FRANNY FRAN

At the time of writing for today's programme I am sat in the sunshine sipping Sangria beside the swimming pool at the Hotel Cala Mesquida on the holiday Isle of Majorca.

But, don't worry I'll be back in time for today's game against Bolton Wanderers and our usual roving mike interviews on Radio Latics at around 2.30 p.m.

Our top five choice this week comes from Paul Damien Guiman, 16 Fulham Street, Clarksfield, Oldham.

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| No. 1 | Feels like I'm in love | — | Kelly Marie |
| No. 2 | Dreamin | — | Cliff Richard |
| No. 3 | Modern Girl | — | Sheena Easton |
| No. 4 | Start | — | Jam |
| No. 5 | 9 to 5 | — | Sheena Easton |

The players all time favourite comes today from Paul Atkinson — "Born to Run" by Bruce Springstein.

Our first Radio Latics Roadshow will take place at The Boundary Club on Tuesday September 30th - Admission will be free of charge for supporters club members and 25p for non members. There will be guest appearances by players, and all sorts of fun and games. So Don't Miss It!

Finally, we are still looking for applicants for the Miss Oldham Athletic Competition. Anyone interested please write in or give me a ring on 061-652 0966.

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 7th — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
SWANSEA CITY v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
CAMBRIDGE UTD. v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Once again can we ask all those wishing to travel away to book their seats as early as possible. With the problems of putting on additional coaches the day before a trip no guarantee of a seat can be given if not booked at least one week before the date of the match.

TRAVELLING RAC BY ROAD RAC

Here is your specially prepared RAC route for our next away game at Swansea on Tuesday October 7th.

Leave Oldham on the A627/A627(M) to the M62 Travel West along the M62 following the Liverpool signs to Intersection 10, Junction with the M6 at Croft.

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Date	Opponents	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	Q.P.R.	H W1-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI ¹	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 20	Blackburn Rovers	A L0-1	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan+	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 23	CARDIFF CITY	H W2-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI ¹	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD ¹	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 27	PORTSMOUTH L.C. 2R	H W3-2	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI ¹	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD ¹	KEEGAN ¹	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 30	Wrexham	A L2-3	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements+	Hurst	WYLDE ²	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Steel
Sept. 3	Portsmouth L.C. 2R	A L0-1	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki+	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Sept. 6	SHEFFIELD WED.	H W2-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair+	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	FUTCHER ¹	STAINROD ¹	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Sept. 13	Bristol Rovers	A D0-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Sept. 20	Newcastle United	A D0-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Steel
Sept. 24	League Cup 3													
Sept. 27	BOLTON WANDERERS	H												
Oct. 4	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H												
Oct. 7	Swansea City	A												
Oct. 11	Cambridge United	A												
Oct. 18	WEST HAM UNITED	H												
Oct. 21	NOTTS. COUNTY	H												
Oct. 25	Watford	A												
Oct. 29	League Cup 4													
Nov. 1	PRESTON NORTH END	H												
Nov. 8	Chelsea	A												
Nov. 11	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H												
Nov. 15	Queens Park Rangers	A												
Nov. 22	ORIENT (1)	H												
Nov. 29	Bristol City	A												
Dec. 3	League Cup 5													
Dec. 6	LUTON TOWN	H												
Dec. 13	Notts. County (2)	A												
Dec. 20	SWANSEA CITY	H												
Dec. 26	Derby County	A												
Dec. 27	GRIMSBY TOWN	H												
1981														
Jan. 3	F.A. Cup 3													
Jan. 10	Orient	A												
Jan. 14	League Cup SF													
Jan. 17	WREXHAM	H												
Jan. 24	F.A. Cup 4													
Jan. 31	Cardiff City	A												
Feb. 7	BRISTOL ROVERS	H												
Feb. 11	League Cup SF													
Feb. 14	Sheffield Wed. (5)	A												
Feb. 21	Bolton Wanderers	A												
Feb. 28	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H												
Mar. 7	Shrewsbury Town (6)	A												
Mar. 14	CAMBRIDGE U. (LCF)	H												
Mar. 21	West Ham United	A												
Mar. 28	WATFORD	H												
April 4	Preston North End	A												
April 11	CHELSEA (SF)	H												
April 18	Grimsby Town	A												
April 20	DERBY COUNTY	H												
April 25	Luton Town	A												
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LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1980-81

	Home Goals						Away Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Blackburn	7	4	0	0	8	0	1	2	0	5	4	12	
West Ham	7	3	0	1	11	4	1	2	0	2	1	10	
Notts County	7	3	0	0	6	2	1	2	1	3	6	10	
Swansea	7	1	2	0	4	3	2	1	1	6	3	9	
Sheffield Wed.	7	4	0	0	8	1	0	1	2	0	4	9	
Derby County	7	2	1	1	6	5	2	0	1	3	4	9	
Oldham	7	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	2	2	4	8	
Wrexham	7	2	0	1	6	4	1	2	1	4	4	8	
Newcastle	7	2	2	0	5	3	1	0	2	2	7	8	
Luton	7	2	1	1	5	4	1	0	2	3	6	7	
Cardiff	7	2	1	1	8	6	1	0	2	2	4	7	
Bolton	7	2	1	1	7	4	0	1	2	2	4	6	
Orient	7	2	1	0	6	1	0	1	3	5	10	6	
Chelsea	7	0	3	1	4	5	1	1	1	4	5	6	
Watford	7	3	0	0	5	2	0	0	4	4	9	6	
Preston	7	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	2	2	6	6	
Shrewsbury	7	2	2	0	7	5	0	0	3	1	7	6	
Cambridge	7	2	0	1	6	2	0	1	3	2	8	5	
Grimsby	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	3	7	5	
Q.P.R.	7	1	1	1	5	2	0	1	3	2	5	4	
Bristol Rovers	7	0	3	0	3	3	0	1	3	1	8	4	
Bristol City	7	0	2	2	1	3	0	1	2	2	4	3	

Name	League Appearances 1980-81	League Goals 1980-81	Total League Appearances
Atkinson, P. G.	7		47
Blair, R. V.	7		352
Clements, K. H.	7		43
Futcher, P.	7	1	7
Heaton, P. J.	5 + 1s		64
Hoolickin, G. J.	7		30
Hurst, J.	7		144
Keegan, G. A.	7		57
Kowenicki, R.	7	2	31
McDonnell, P. A.	7		83
Stainrod, S. A.	7	2	58
Steel, W. J.	2s		42
Wylde, R.	7	2	17

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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 1

RESULTS SO FAR

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 16	Manchester Utd 'A'	A 0-3 L
Aug 23	Port Vale Reserves	A 2-0 W
Sept 6	Wrexham Reserves	A 1-4 L
Sept 13	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H 2-0 W
Sept 16	Altrincham Reserves	H 3-0 W
Sept 20	Rochdale Reserves	H 5-1 W

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 2

Aug 16	Wigan Athletic 'A'	A 0-2 L
Aug 19	Formby 'A'	A 3-2 W
Aug 23	Blackpool 'A'	A 1-1 D
Sept 6	Burnley 'A'	A 4-3 W

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

Sept 13	Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A 4-3 W
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SEASON TICKETS

With the likelihood of there being a number of matches this season where admittance to the Ford Stand Paddock will be by ticket only, supporters wishing to stand in this section could take advantage of our reduced season ticket prices. A ticket for the remaining 17 home league games would cost £24.90 for an adult and £14.60 for Juveniles and Senior Citizens. Season tickets are also available for other sections of the ground and a full list of reduced prices can be obtained from the ticket office.

Further examples are:

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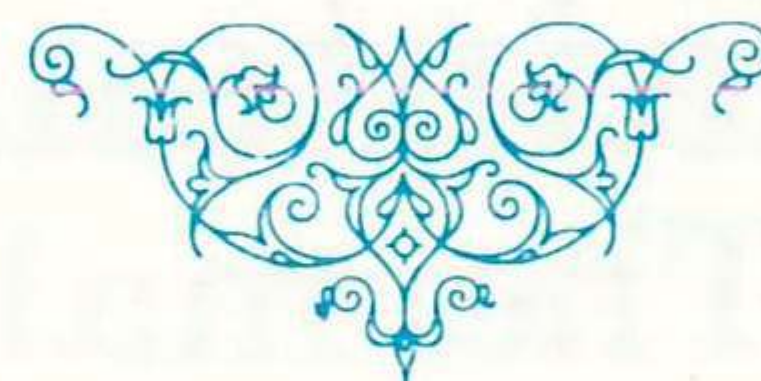
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Second Division Scene

THERE are likely to be so many "four-pointers" in the Second Division this season that virtually every match is like a Cup-tie. And today's game is no exception, for while Latics aim to maintain their home record and a high placing, Bolton are looking to improve on indifferent away performances and justify the hopes of their fans that they will make an immediate return to the top flight.

At the start of the season, Latics were not rated among the likely promotion candidates (by most tipsters, anyway), while clubs such as Bolton, Queen's Park Rangers, Chelsea, Luton, Newcastle and Bristol City were getting the nod of approval.

It was no surprise to see Derby and West Ham among the pace-setters, but some of the other fancied teams have been flagging, while Blackburn Rovers would have been the club tipped by few to be leading the pack after half a dozen matches. Which all goes to show what an open race - or a close contest - it can be.

Former Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes recently said he thought it could be a close battle for the League title, despite the fact that the Anfield club had been installed as favourites. "In the space of two weeks you can be third from top or third from bottom", said Emlyn.

That reasoning could also be applied to Division 2, and even the clubs which made a poor start - Luton, Queen's Park Rangers and Bristol City among them - may yet get to grips with the current leaders. Latics themselves last season showed that a team could climb from the foot of the table and become surprise bidders for a promotion place, if only briefly.

Wrexham's bad opening spell was followed by a run in which they took five points out of six, starting with their victory over Latics, and manager Arfon Griffiths may have had something when he said he thought it wrong to publish League tables after only two games.

His argument: the tables create interest, but they also put pressure on teams and managers. As he

said: "With the season only a month old, five managers had left their clubs". And he added: "It is surely too early to judge a side ... it's performance over a season that counts. It would be a bit fairer if tables appeared after six games".

As a matter of interest, after two games the top three in Division 2 were Blackburn, Luton and Orient, while at the bottom (reading upwards) it was Bristol Rovers, Newcastle and Bolton. And after six games? - From the top it was Blackburn, Derby and West Ham ... and from the bottom - Bristol City, Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury - with Luton 18th, Orient 10th, Newcastle eighth and Bolton ninth.

Latics, meanwhile had moved up from 13th (after two games) to fifth (after six matches) - but whether the early League tables increase the pressure or not, we all know that Arfon Griffiths is right in one respect: it's performance over a season that counts. Which, in a word, means consistency. And that's what EVERY club is striving to achieve, as the games go by.

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- 3 RONNIE BLAIR
- 4 RICHARD KOWENICKI
- 5 KENNY CLEMENTS
- 6 JOHN HURST
- 7 RODGER WYLDE
- 8 PAUL FUTCHER
- 9 SIMON STAINROD
- 10 GED KEEGAN
- 11 PAUL ATKINSON
- 12 To be Announced

TEAM CHANGES

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 DENNIS PEACOCK
- 2 DAVE CLEMENT
- 3 DAVE BURKE
- 4 LEN CANTELLO
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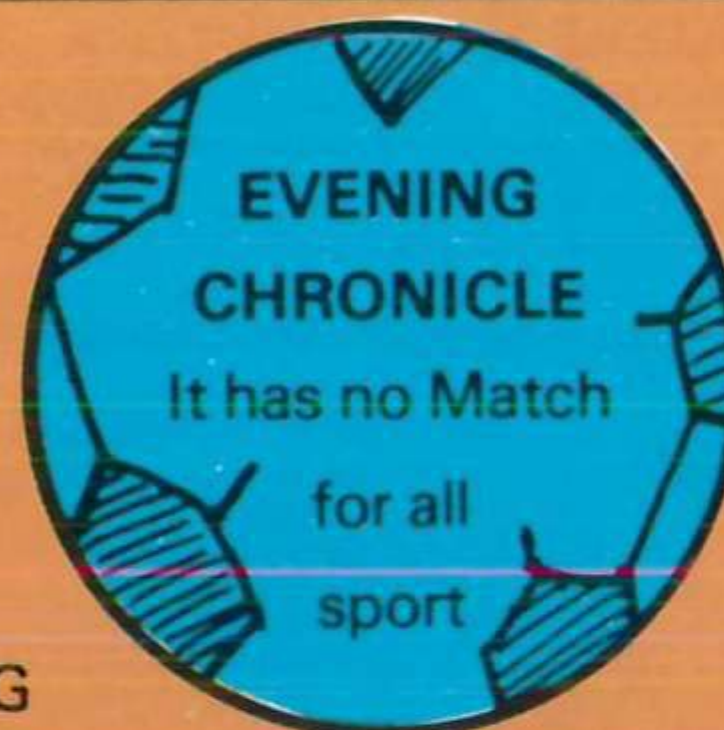
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